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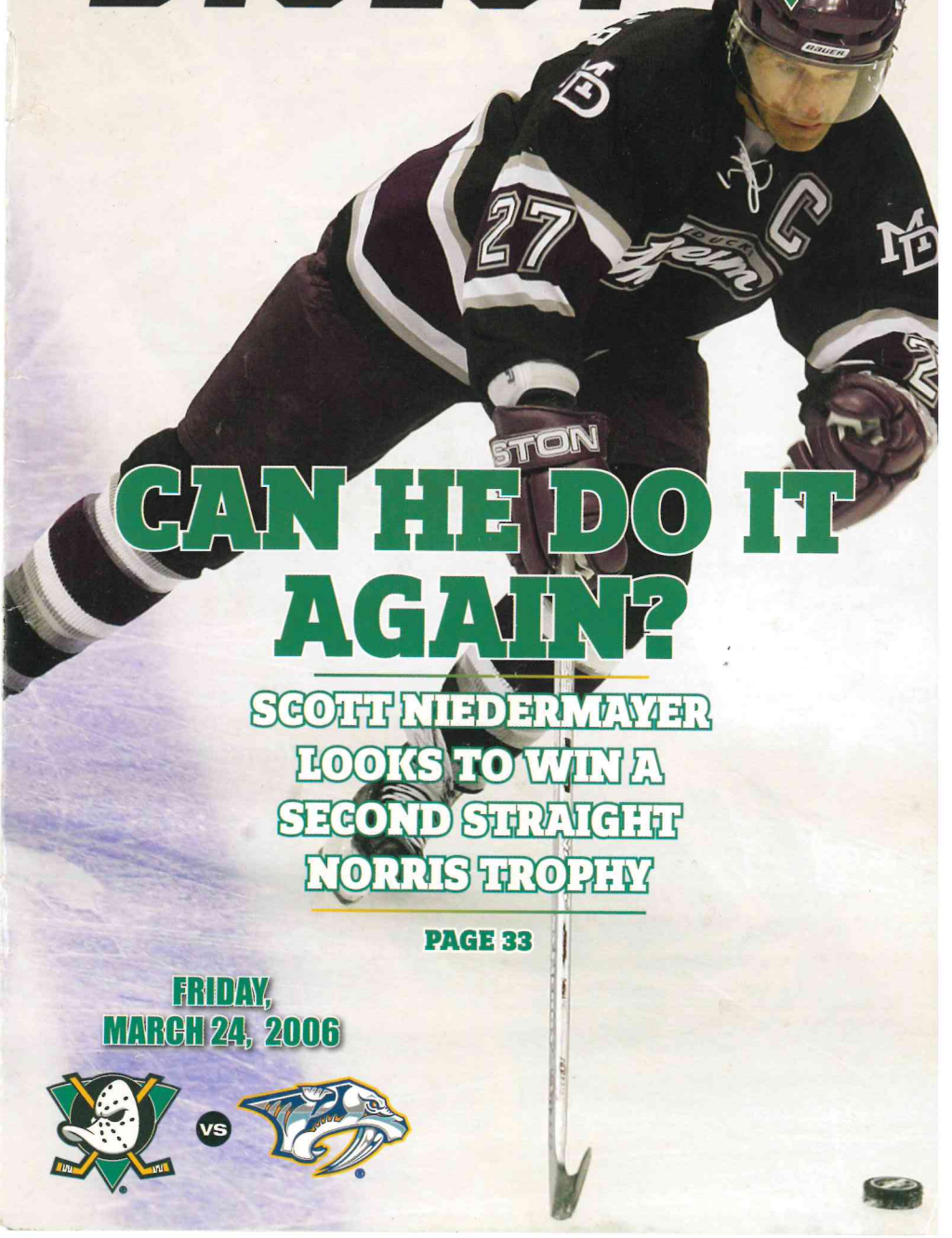

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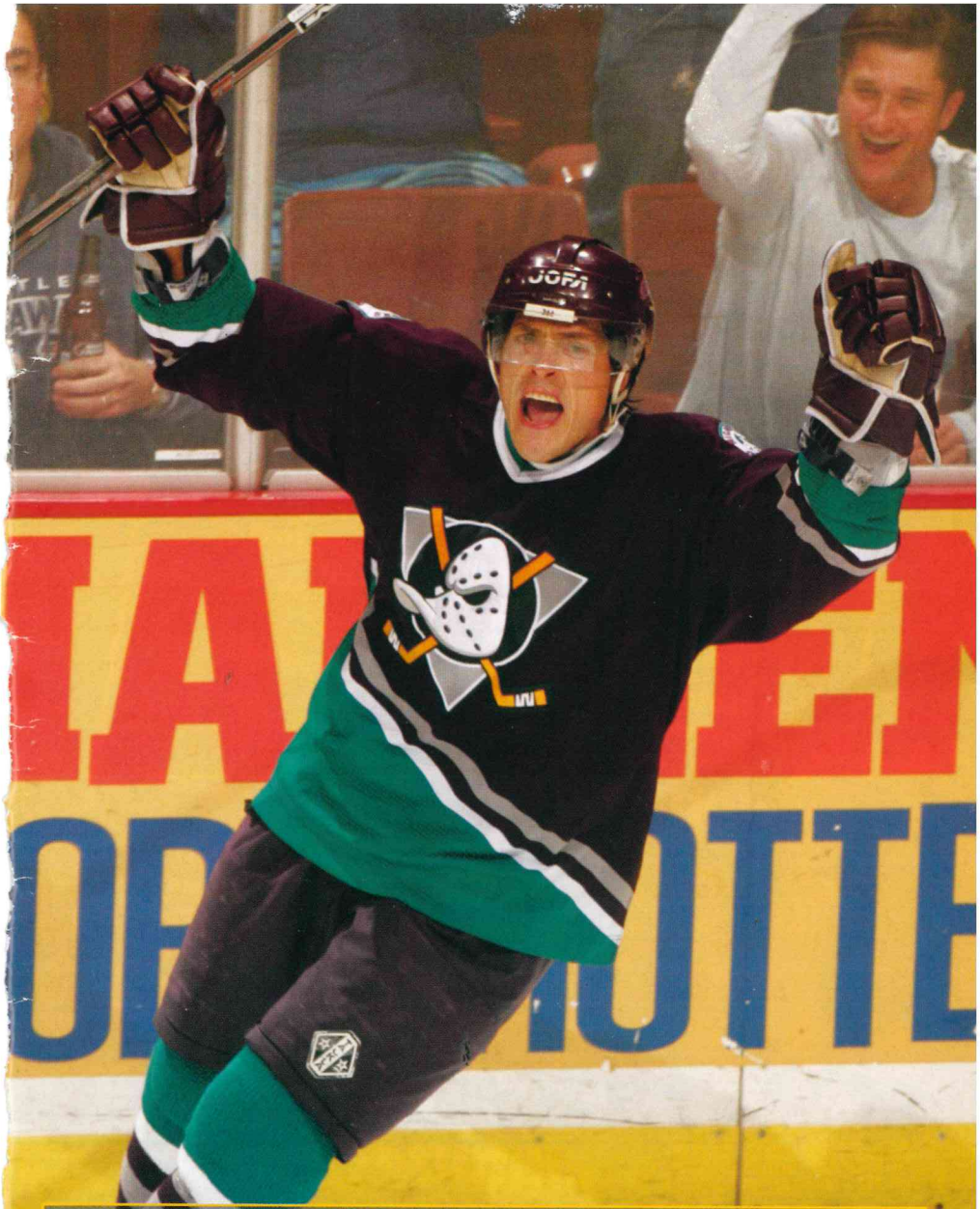

Teemu Selanne celebrates after scoring his 1,000th career point on a goal against the Kings on Jan. 30 at the Arrowhead Pond. He became only the second Finnish-born player, seventh European-born-and-trained player and 70th player in NHL history to accomplish the feat.

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ROB NIEDERMAYER

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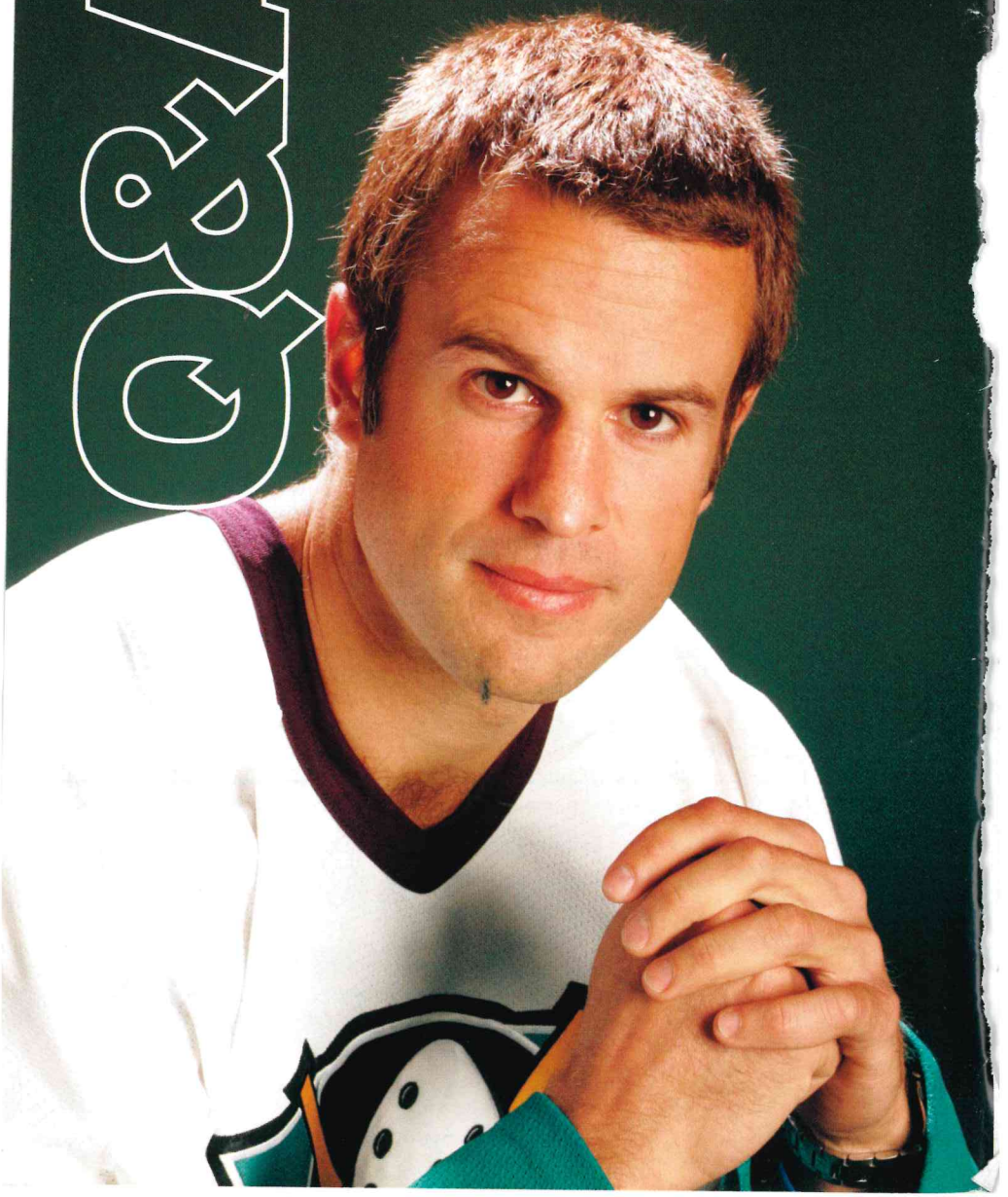
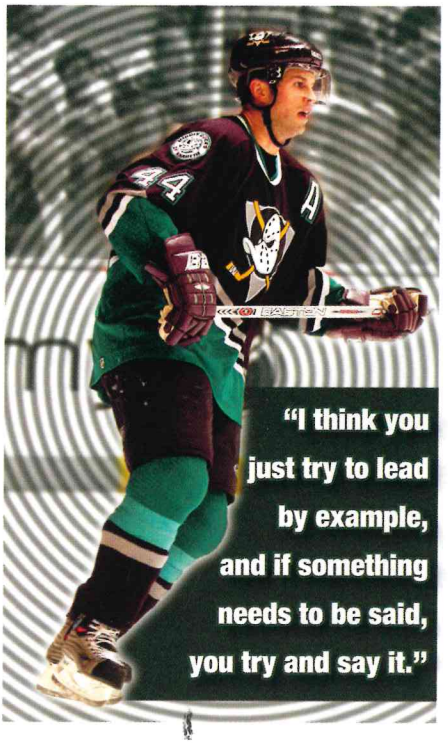


Rob Niedermayer is one of a handful of Mighty Ducks veterans to be a part of the team's magical run to the Stanley Cup Finals in 2003. For Rob, the stinging loss in Game 7 to the New Jersey Devils had slightly more significance, since older brother Scott was on the other side and hoisted the Cup for the Devils.

Now almost three years after that playoff push, much has changed for Rob Niedermayer in his 13th NHL season. While he was a late-season acquisition for Anaheim in 2003, at 31 he now finds himself as one of the longer-tenured members of a young Ducks team. And, for the first time in their NHL careers, he and 32-year-old Scott – the reigning Norris Trophy winner as the league's top defenseman – have been teammates, both fighting to bring the Ducks back to playoff glory.



Rob, who previously played with Florida and Calgary, had three goals and seven assists for the Ducks in the '03 postseason. This year, despite missing six games in January with a concussion, he was fifth on the Ducks in points going into the Olympic break, with 10 goals and 16 assists. He played in his 700th career game back in October.

Just before the Olympic break, Rob spoke with Ducks Digest about his season, growing up with big brother Scott and the possibilities for this Anaheim team.

How has this season been compared to your others in Anaheim?

We started a little slow but we're learning how to be consistent and how to skate together. That's what has made us successful lately. I just think you have to always stay focused on what your goal is, to get into the playoffs and try to make a run.

How do you see the potential of this team?

I like it. If you look at our team now compared to where we started, we can play with anybody and I think this team is starting to realize that. We're pretty lucky here because we have so many guys who have had experience and played a long time. They're good character guys and I think that's the one thing that's really helped this team. It makes it a lot easier on the younger guys.

How has it been having Scott as a teammate?

It's been great. We certainly don't take it for granted. We both thought that we'd like to play together before we retired and you never know when that's going to be, so it's pretty special this year. I've really enjoyed it.

Did you ever feel like you were in his shadow when the two of you were growing up?

It was actually kind of nice having an older brother who went through everything before me and kind of helped me along and gave me advice. He was always someone I could talk to.

Rob was fifth on the Ducks in scoring entering this month.

Were the two of you competitive?

Yeah, I always think you have that with brothers. He probably didn't feel much competition, but it was always the little brother trying to outdo the big brother. That was one thing he was always good about.

How has your mother [who lives in Cranbrook, B.C.] enjoyed having the two of you together?

She found it pretty tough when we were facing off against each other. It's a lot nicer for her to be able to come to one arena and see us both on the same team. She's certainly enjoyed it, that's for sure. She's been down here twice.

What was it like playing against Scott in the Stanley Cup Finals?

It's always strange playing against your brother. It wasn't so bad playing against him in the regular season. But you want it so bad in the Stanley Cup Finals, it made it tough. Now it's something we can look back upon and enjoy the memory.

How tough was the concussion on you this year?

That's not something you want to go through because it's a really tough injury to deal with. It came at a tough time. You have headaches and dizziness and you're off balance. You never want to be watching the team play. It's nice to be over it and hopefully I won't have to deal with it again. It's a tough injury because there's nothing you can do. You can't go and ride the bike some more and try to strengthen it. It's just patience and that's probably the hardest thing.

How do you see your role on this team?

Right now I'm on the checking line with Sammy Pahlsson and "Hedy" [Jonathan Hedstrom]. I think with this team, with all of our lines, we have to have scoring from everybody. We'd like to chip in a little bit more offensively, which is something we haven't done lately, but hopefully we can get back on track.

"Playing with Scott has been great. We both thought that we'd like to play together before we retired and you never know when that's going to be, so it's pretty special this year."

Is that one of the areas you feel you need to improve personally?

I think you can always improve in every area. I always take that approach. I think you're always learning and you're always trying to get better.

As one of the veterans, do you feel like one of the leaders on the team?

I think you just try to lead by example, and if something needs to be said, you try and say it. There are so many guys who help out in that area.

What did you think of the Scott and Rob Niedermayer bobbleheads that were given to fans in January?

They were pretty nice. I think they looked like us pretty well. One of the guys got ahold of it and tried to paint some grey hair on it.

After playing with a couple of different NHL clubs, have you enjoyed playing in Orange County?

It's great here. You have the great weather and it's a great organization to play for and we have great facilities. It's a great spot to have a family and just play all year. The fans have been great here. They're pretty knowledgeable about hockey and they've been supporting us all year. We really enjoy that when we come to the rink.

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FRANCOIS BEAUCHEMIN HAS BECOME A SURPRISING FORCE ON THE DEFENSIVE END FOR THE MIGHTY DUCKS.

BY ADAM BRADY

Francois Beauchemin still can't believe how his life has changed. Back in November, Beauchemin was playing less than 17 minutes a game and had only two points in 11 contests for a struggling Columbus team. Less than four months later, Beauchemin finds himself in sunny Southern California averaging more than 24 minutes of ice time alongside one of the best defensive players in the game.

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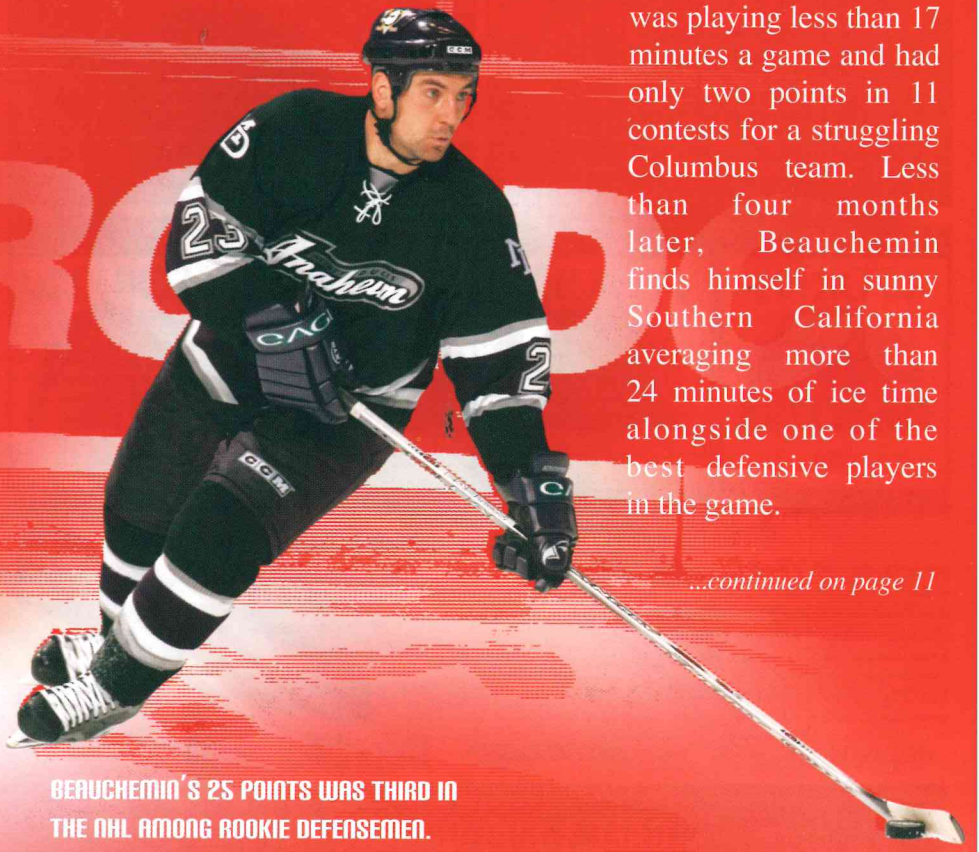

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"I wasn't expecting this," says the soft-spoken Beauchemin, a French Canadian whose name is pronounced BOH-shuh-may "But I couldn't be happier."

The change was brought about through a blockbuster November trade in which the Ducks sent Sergei Fedorov and a draft pick to Columbus for Beauchemin and Tyler Wright. Because he had little NHL experience, Beauchemin's involvement in the trade was somewhat overlooked. But the Ducks knew better.

"That's where you have to credit our scouting staff for recognizing that level of player at the American Hockey League level," says Ducks head coach Randy Carlyle of Beauchemin, who played AHL hockey in Quebec, Hamilton and Syracuse before being promoted to Columbus. "They knew that he was an elite-level player and was doing some of the things to take the next step into the NHL and fit into what we needed."

Says Beauchemin, "They knew who I was and how I could play. I just needed a chance to play in the NHL and that's what they've given me. They really wanted me and they knew what I was capable of."

But Beauchemin's adjustment didn't come immediately, as he had to improve his conditioning before making a regular contribution. "At first it was difficult," Beauchemin says. "I had to get in better shape, lose some weight before jumping in the lineup on a regular basis. Once I did, it went pretty well."

Soon Beauchemin was playing with Scott Niedermayer, pairing nightly with the reigning Norris Trophy winner against the opponent's top line.

"I've gotten a lot of confidence just by playing with Scott," Beauchemin says. "He makes the game much easier. He's always there to back me up. He can make a big difference. "

Niedermayer has the same affection for Beauchemin, saying that "I think we work pretty well together and I enjoy playing with him. He seems to do everything well. He moves the puck well, shoots it well and plays physical when he has to. He's been doing a great job and I'm very comfortable with him out there."

But when Beauchemin originally arrived in Anaheim, he didn't foresee it this way. "When I first got here I wasn't expecting to play a lot and I wasn't thinking about being able to play with Scotty at all," he admits.

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He also couldn't have predicted the offensive impact he has made. As of the beginning of March, Beauchemin had 25 points on the season (four goals and 21 assists), third in the NHL among rookie defensemen.

"When we were in Columbus he was just a young guy who they were pretty high on, but he didn't get a great opportunity," says Todd Marchant, who briefly was Beauchemin's teammate with the Blue Jackets before being acquired by the Ducks a week after the trade. "After he came here, he got the opportunity to play with Scotty and there is a lot of chemistry with the two of them. He's really come into his own and played very well for us."

Two of Beauchemin's goals came in a shootout loss at Los Angeles on Jan. 23, and he added an assist in a 6-2 home victory five nights later. He made his presence felt in a major way when the Kings came back to the Arrowhead Pond on Jan. 30 in what was unquestionably the most electric game of the Ducks' season. With the two teams tied 3-3 in overtime, Beauchemin put a vicious hit on the Kings' Derek Armstrong, knocking the puck loose and eventually leading to Niedermayer's game-winning goal.

"That," Beauchemin says with a grin, "was a nice play."

And it typified the impact Beauchemin has had on the Ducks after a brief adjustment period. Adapting to the new environs was also a process off the ice. The Montreal native said getting accustomed to Southern California was "kind of strange at first. But you get used to it pretty quickly. There are a lot of things you can do here, a lot of shopping malls and the beach and everything. You can't really get bored."

Beauchemin has been doing many of those things with wife Marie-Claude, who joined Francois in Anaheim two weeks after he arrived. The two now live in an apartment about 15 minutes from the arena and are expecting their first child in July.

With that other life change on the horizon and a Ducks team that will be making a run for the playoffs with his help, Beauchemin's future could hardly look brighter.

"Right now things are just great," Beauchemin says, "and I just hope they keep going the same way. I don't think I could be in a better place."

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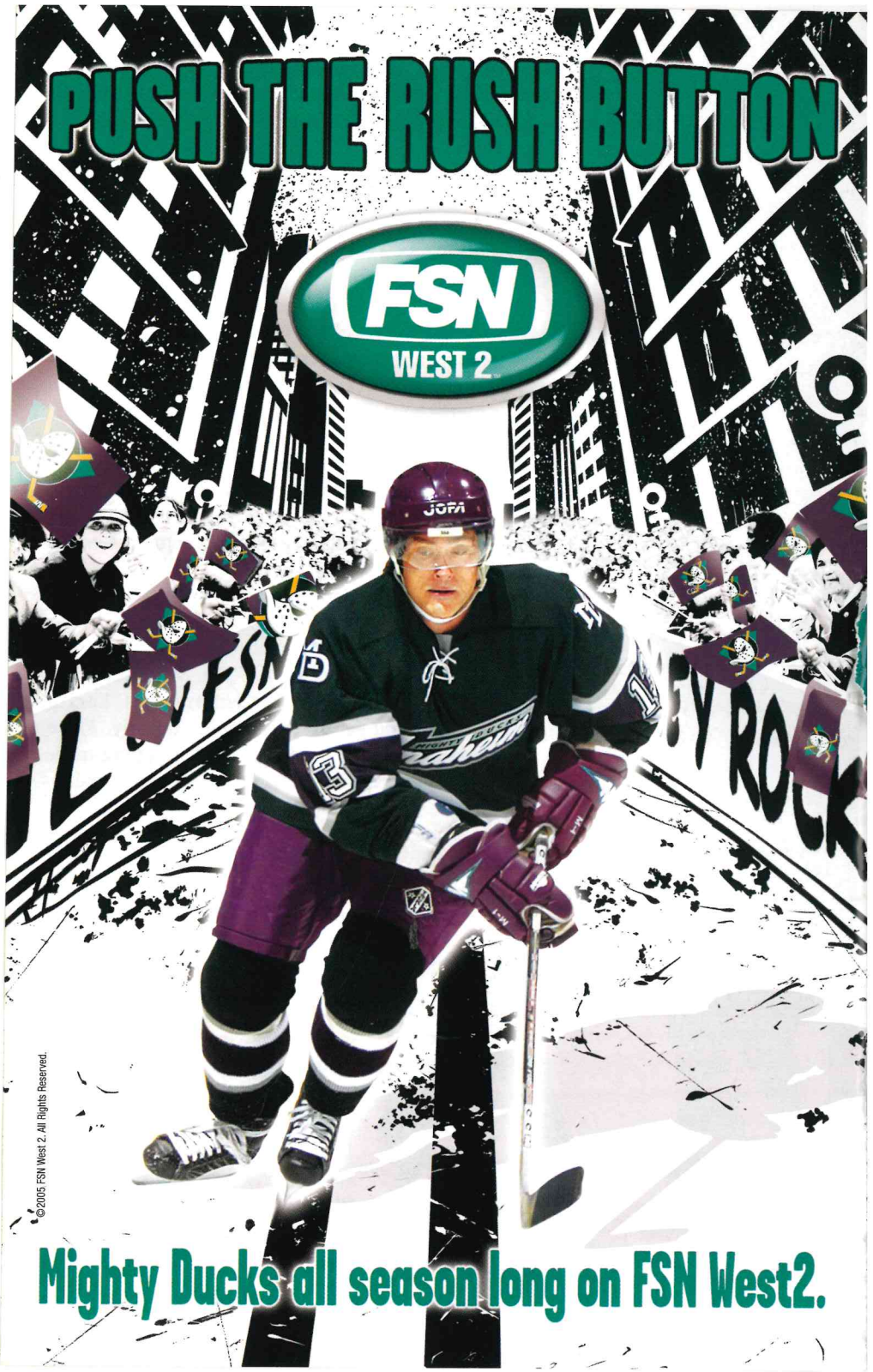

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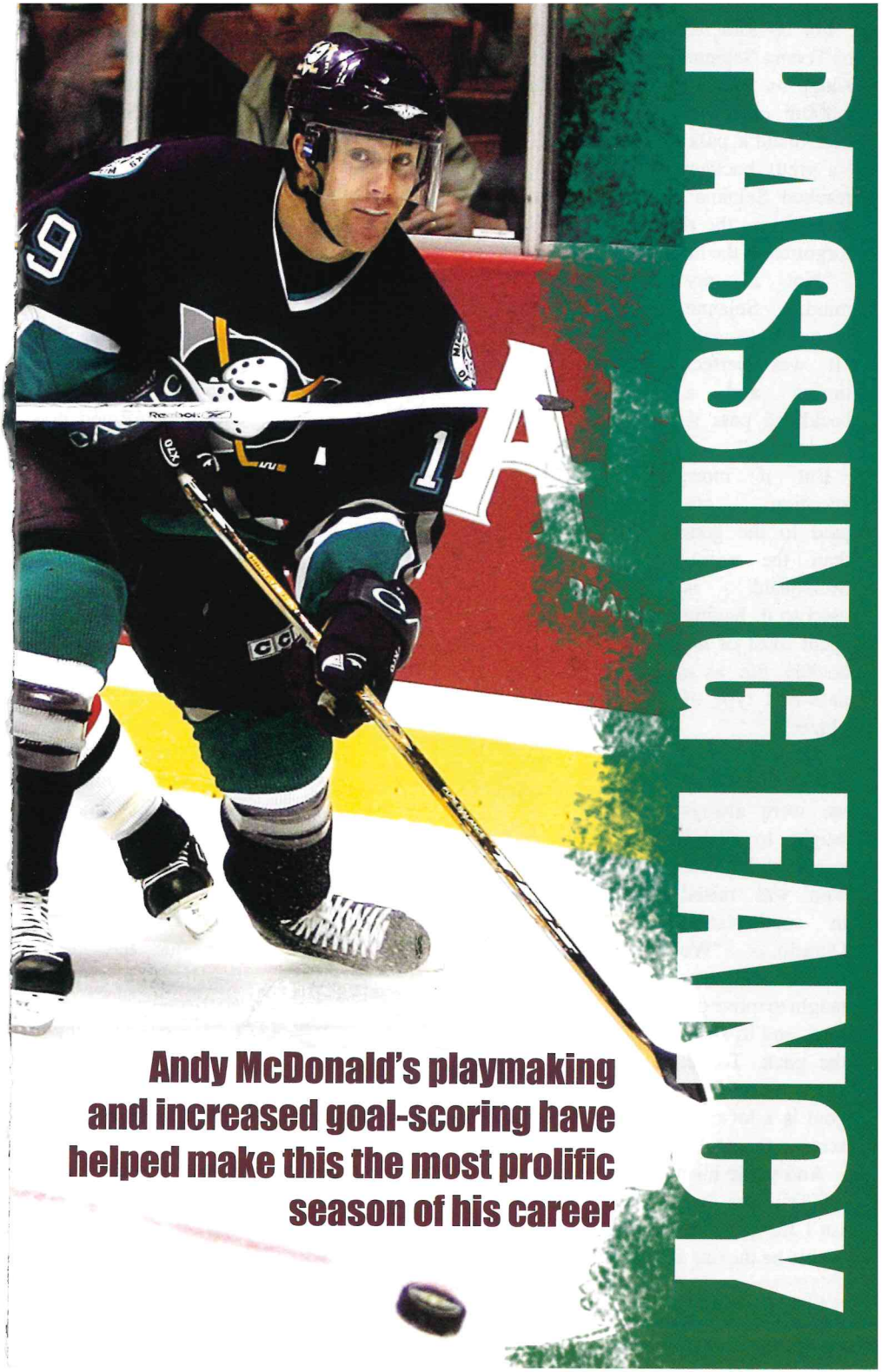


Andy McDonald's playmaking and increased goal-scoring have helped make this the most prolific season of his career

For obvious reasons, much was made of Teemu Selanne's goal against the LA Kings on Jan. 30, which gave him his 1,000th career NHL point. But Andy McDonald's pass that set up the goal -- a pretty backhander from mid-ice that reached Selanne perfectly in stride as he raced up the right side – was largely forgotten in the hoopla.

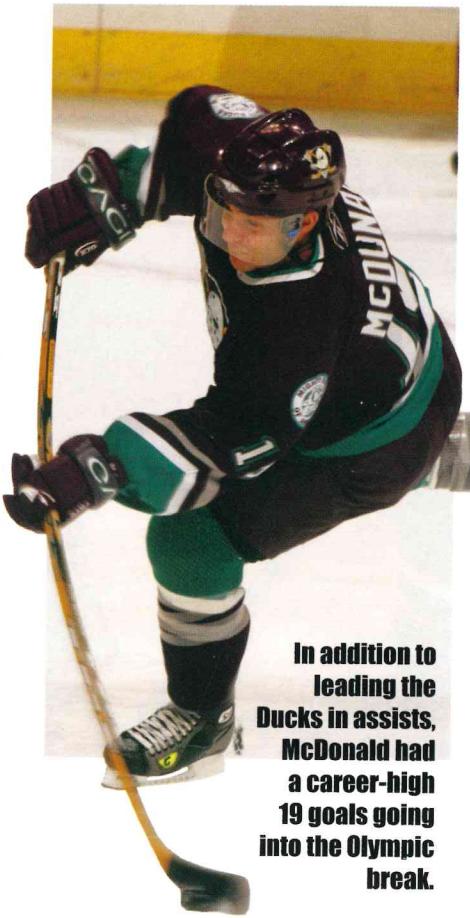
"Not in my mind," Selanne is quick to say. "It was perfect timing and a backhand pass is never easy."

But if more attention got paid to the goal than the assist, McDonald is used to it, having spent most of his hockey life as a pass-first type of player.

"Growing up, that's the way we were always taught to play," says McDonald, who was raised in southwestern Ontario. "We were always taught to move the puck and to share the puck. To set someone up for a goal is a lot more difficult than actually scoring the goal."

And while his assist to Selanne for the 1,000th was "an incredible feeling," it isn't his favorite pass of the year. That would be the one at Toronto in December, when McDonald received the puck at the right point with his back to the goal, then spun around to slide another backhander across the crease to the waiting Selanne, who easily redirected it into the back of the net.

"Not everyone can be the goal-scorer on the ice," McDonald says. "So to put a guy in position to score a goal is always a good feeling."



In addition to leading the Ducks in assists, McDonald had a career-high 19 goals going into the Olympic break.

It's something McDonald has done plenty this season with Selanne, as the two have formed a fearsome combo on the Mighty Ducks' top scoring line. McDonald says that Selanne's "great hockey sense" has made his job as a playmaker easier. "You don't have to look too far to find him," says McDonald. "He's able to put himself in a position where he's open and you don't have to make a difficult pass to find him. That's alongside the fact that he's a gifted goal-scorer."

"I remember the first time when I came here and saw Andy, I knew he was going to be a great player," Selanne says. "He has great tools, he can shoot, he can pass and he's an unbelievable skater. This year he's raised the bar higher and higher."

Indeed, in addition to the passing skills

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he's always displayed in his five years with the Ducks, the 28-year-old McDonald is having a career year as a goal scorer. His 19 goals going into the Olympic break dwarfs his previous career high of 10. His 26 points since Jan. 1 ranked third in the NHL, behind Jaromir Jagr and fellow Ontario native Joe Thornton. McDonald went into the break with an 11-game points streak, the longest active run in the league and the Ducks' longest in six years.

"I don't think it's any one thing," says McDonald of his offensive surge. "I think there are a variety of reasons. I'm healthier this year. I had a chance to play in Germany last year during the lockout, so I had a summer to train and get ready for the season. Also, having the chance to play with someone like Teemu makes it pretty easy out there."

Selanne knows that it isn't just his presence that has helped McDonald improve. "He has a great attitude, he's working hard and he's really dedicated to this team," Selanne says. "He spends a lot more time with his off-ice workouts than a lot of other players."

Says Ducks head coach Randy Carlyle, "I think the new rules have allowed him some more freedom and he's gotten more of an opportunity to play with some of our better players. He's enjoying the game because the game is now played to some of his strengths."

Those strengths include using his speed to skate to open positions on the ice as well as moving the puck to teammates who find those spots. But McDonald knows he has room for improvement in the more physical side of the game. "Because of my size, I have to work on winning those one-on-one battles for the puck," says McDonald, who at 5-10, 186 pounds is one of the smaller players on the team. "It's difficult because a lot of the defensemen you run into are pretty big."

McDonald also admits he could stand to shoot the puck more rather than find the open man, "but it's hard when that's the way you've always played. It's also tough because with Teemu out there, if I'm shooting the puck too much, he's not getting his shots."

And Selanne appreciates the opportunities McDonald has been able to afford him. "I think he's a really great passer," Selanne says, "and I expect that he's going to get even better."

"He can shoot, he can pass and he's an unbelievable skater. This year he's raised the bar higher and higher."
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NHL OFFICIAL SIGNALS

BOARDING
A player uses any method (body checking, elbowing or tripping) to throw an opponent violently into the boards

CHARGING
A player makes a deliberate move of more than two steps when body checking an opponent

CROSS-CHECKING
A player holds his stick in both hands and drives the shaft into an opponent

DELAYED PENALTY
Penalty will be called when penalized team retains possession of the puck

ELBOWING
A player strikes his opponent with an elbow to impede his progress

HIGH-STICKING
A player carries his stick above the normal height of his opponent's shoulders and hits or menaces the opponent with it

HOLDING
A player grabs and holds onto an opponent (or his stick) with his hands or arms to impede the opponent's progress

HOOKING
A player attempts to impede the progress of another player by hooking the opponent's body with the blade of his stick

ICING
The puck is shot from behind the red center line across the opponent's goal line into the end of the rink and a member of the opposing team touches it first

INTERFERENCE
A player attempts to impede the motion of another player not in possession of the puck

KNEEING
A player uses a knee to hit his opponent in the leg, thigh or lower body

ROUGHING
A fight between players is more of a pushing and shoving match

SLASHING
A player swings his stick hard at an opponent, whether or not contact is made

SPEARING
A player illegally jabs, or even just attempts to jab, the point of his stick blade into another player's body

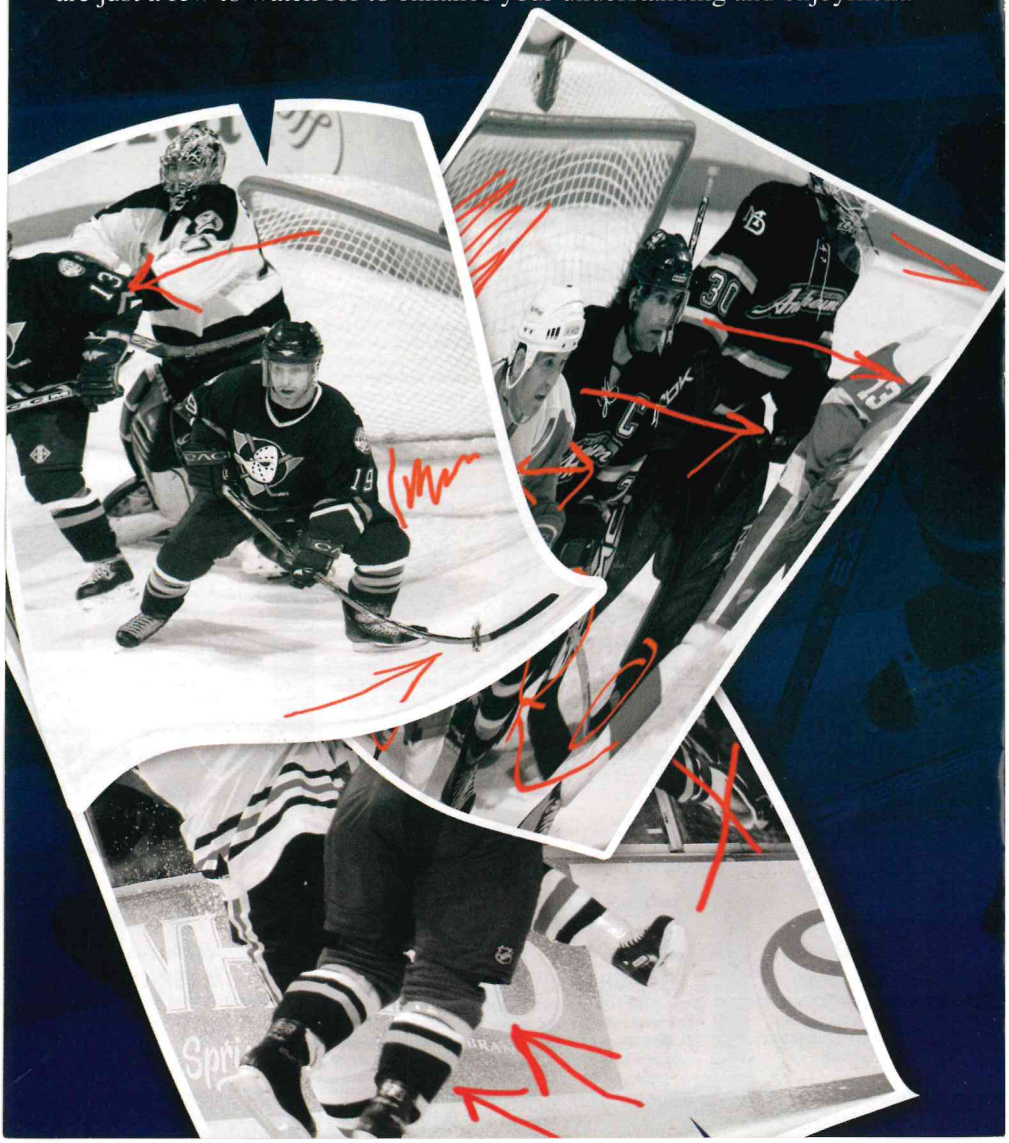
TRIPPING
A player places his stick or a part of his body under or around the feet or legs of an opponent causing him to lose his balance

WASH-OUT
A goal is ruled invalid by the referee or an infraction is waved off by the linesmen

WHAT TO W

By Brian Hayward, Ducks television color analyst

For those who don't have a lot of experience watching hockey, it can be a complicated game. Even for those who have seen their share of hockey in person or on TV, there is always more to learn about the game. There are dozens of things to look for during each moment of a hockey game, and here are just a few to watch for to enhance your understanding and enjoyment.



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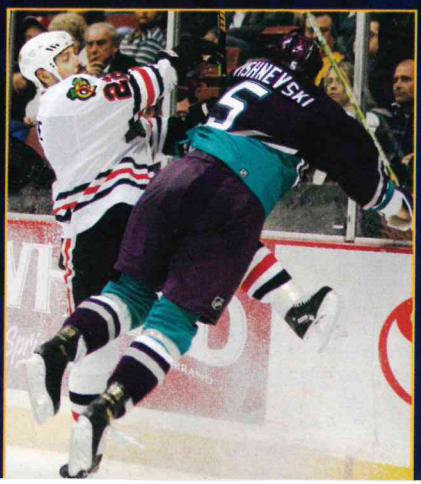
You don't necessarily have to watch the puck all the time. The action away from the puck is often more interesting than the play immediately around it. One key to scoring goals requires players to get open to receive passes and then work themselves into better scoring positions. But to accomplish this, skating at top speed isn't always the best strategy.

Notice how potential pass receivers often adjust their speed to get into an area where they are open for a pass. If a player is carrying the puck, notice how sometimes they'll slow down to allow a teammate to sprint into the open. Watch the puck when it is about to be shot on goal, but if you can train your eyes to see what is going on away from the puck, you'll start to get a sense of how plays develop.

There is an old expression in hockey: "Win the battles for possession of loose pucks and you'll win the war." Hockey is a possession game; you cannot score unless you possess the puck. Notice how defenders team up to win battles for loose pucks by subtly interfering with opponents (while trying not to commit a penalty) so that their teammates have time to get to a loose puck.



You are only allowed to body check an opponent when he has possession of the puck, or within a second after they have lost or given up possession. Good timing and great balance are required to throw a good body check. Watch how the hitter waits until the last second before he explodes into the person he is trying to hit. Of course to really appreciate this, here is a reminder to try not to get mesmerized by watching the puck!

Penalties are a major part of hockey, since the penalized player gets sent to the penalty box and the other team has a power play (more on that later) during that time. When an official sees a penalty committed, he will raise his hand but will not blow the whistle until the penalized team gets possession of the puck. This is why you will sometimes see the other team pull its goalie and substitute in another skater, knowing that even if the penalized team gets the puck, the play will be whistled dead before they can shoot at the empty net.

Speaking of empty nets, a team that is trailing with only a minute or so left in a game will often pull its goalie in exchange for an extra skater. This gives the trailing team six skaters versus the other team's five in an effort to get a goal in the waning moments of the game. Of course, the risk is that the team that is ahead will add to its lead once it gets the puck back and has an opportunity to shoot at an open net.

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There are 3 key elements to a successful power play:

1. How efficient is the team on the power play at getting the puck across the opponent's blue line and then keeping or regaining possession?

2. Side-to-side movement of the puck once possession has been established. When the puck moves from side to side, the defenders and goalie must move in response. Getting defenders to move will open up passing and shooting lanes. The more you can get them moving, the better your chances of getting a shot through to the net or finding a teammate in a better scoring position available to receive a pass. And when a goalie moves side to side, all kinds of holes open up for pucks to find their way through.

3. Recovery of loose pucks. After a shot is attempted, teams on effective power plays give themselves second and third chances by winning the battles for possession of the puck. Teams on great power plays always use their man advantage by outnumbering the defensive players who are trying to get to the loose puck. If two players on the penalty kill unit surround a loose puck, the team on the power play should have three of its players trying to win possession. Watch for this.

Break down what is going right or wrong with these three elements, and you will figure out what adjustments both the penalty killing and power play units need to make to be more successful.

One thing to look for that happens often in a game is the "chip play." This is where an attacking player approaching a defender at his blue line will often shoot the puck off the boards nearest to the defender and then chase after it himself. This is a new strategy that has become very effective since the NHL cracked down on hooking and holding fouls.

Two seasons ago, the defender would have just stuck his stick out and prevented the attacking player from skating after the puck. Now that this is not allowed (interference penalty), the attacking player can use his speed as an effective way to recover possession. If the attacking player's speed exceeds that of the retreating defending player, the chance of recovering the puck is excellent. Watch someone like Scott Niedermayer do this on a Ducks power play.

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➠ Pay attention to the personnel match-ups. When the Ducks play at home, Coach Randy Carlyle has the last change after a whistle. This means he can wait for the opposing coach to put his players on the ice first, and then match up his players accordingly. He likely will put his top checking forwards and his most effective defensemen on the ice to oppose the top scorers of the visiting team. Usually that means Samuel Pahlsson's line or Todd Marchant's line will play against the opponent's top scorer. Watch also for what defense pairing the coach selects to play against them too.

What is also interesting is that match ups change during the game according to the score and according to how successful they have been working out. Lines will also be changed on the fly to get or avoid certain match ups. This chess match between coaches is fun to watch, and it's also interesting to speculate why coaches change match up strategies throughout a game.

➠ Watch for defensemen "fronting the puck". When the NHL moved the nets back two feet closer to the boards and moved the blue lines two feet closer to center, they effectively made shots from the point (just inside the attacking zone blue line) four feet farther away from the goal than they used to be. This gives goalies and defensemen a split second longer to react to shots.

Combine this fact with new rule changes that prevent defensemen from punishing opponents in front of their goal, and you'll see defensemen using a new tactic in front of their net. They'll actually stand in front of the opponent and act as another goalie, which makes getting shots through to the net even more difficult. Certain teams do it all the time (especially on the penalty kill), some hardly ever. But it's interesting to see what defensive tactic different teams will use, and to evaluate how effective "fronting the puck" is working for them.

Look for more aspects of the game to watch for in future issues of Ducks Digest.

Brian Hayward has been a television analyst with the Mighty Ducks since the team began play in the 1993-94 season. In addition to his work with the Ducks, he also calls games for NBC and was one of the network's analyst during its coverage of men's hockey at this year's Winter Olympics. Hayward was a goalie for 11 seasons with the Winnipeg Jets, Montreal Canadiens, Minnesota North Stars and San Jose Sharks

Hockey Glossary

Assist: the pass or passes which immediately precede a successful scoring attempt; a maximum of two assists are credited for one goal.

Attacking Zone: the area between the opponents' blue line and their goal.

Blue Lines: two blue, 12-inch wide lines running parallel across the ice, each 60 feet from the goal; they divide the rink into three zones called the attacking, defending and neutral (or center) zones; defending blue line is the line closer to a player's own net; attacking blue line is the one farther from his net; used in determining offside.

Body Check: when a hockey player bumps or slams into an opponent with either his hip or shoulder (the only legal moves) to block his progress or throw him off-balance; it is only allowed against an opponent in control of the puck or against the last player to control it.

Breakaway: a fast break in which an attacker with the puck skates in alone on the goalie, having gotten past or clear of the defensemen, trapping the opponents behind the play.

Center or Center Forward: the center player in the forward line who usually leads his team's attack when they are trying to score a goal; he takes part in most of the face-offs; he controls the puck and tries to score or pass it to a teammate who is in a better position to score a goal.

Center Ice: the area between the two blue lines, also called the neutral zone.

Center Line: a red, 12-inch wide line across the ice midway between the two goals.

Check or Checking: any contact initiated by a defending player against an opponent to get the puck away from him or slow him down; there are two main types of checks: stick check and body check; these are only allowed against a player in control of the puck or against the last player to control it immediately after he gives it up; checking after too many steps or strides becomes charging.

Clearing the Puck: getting the puck out of one's own defensive zone.

Defensemen: two players who make up a team's defensive unit usually stationed in or near their defensive zone to help the goalie guard against attack; sometimes they lead an attack. The left defenseman covers the left half of the rink, the right defenseman plays to the right, but they can skate into each other's territory.

Deke or Deking: a decoying or faking motion by the puck-carrier; the art of making a defensive player think you are going to pass or move in a certain direction when you are not. There are shoulder dekes, stick dekes and head dekes.

Delayed Whistle or Delayed Call: when an official raises his arm but does not blow his whistle, waiting to see the outcome of a play before calling a penalty; this is done so as not to penalize the non-offending team by stopping its momentum.

Double Minor: a type of minor penalty given for certain accidental infractions that result in an injury to another player or for certain deliberate attempts to injure an opponent that are unsuccessful; penalty time of 4 minutes is served, double the time of a normal minor penalty.

Empty-Net Goal: a goal scored against a team that has pulled the goalie.

Face-Off: the method of starting play; the dropping of the puck by the official between the sticks of two opposing players standing one stick length apart with stick blades flat on the ice; used to begin each period or to resume play when it has stopped for other reasons.

Face-Off Circles and Spots: the various circular spots on the ice where an official and two players will hold a face-off to begin or to resume the action of the game; there is one blue face-off circle and four red face-off spots located in the neutral zone; two red face-off circles are found at each end of the ice.

Forecheck: to check or harass an opponent who has the puck in his defensive zone and keep the opponents in their end of the rink while trying to regain control of the puck; usually done by the forwards.

Forward Line or Attacking Line: consists of two wings (right and left) and a center; these three players play nearer the opponent's goal and are responsible for most of the scoring.

Forwards: the three players who make up the attacking line or forward line of a team — the center and the right and left wings.

Freeze the Puck: to hold the puck against the boards with the skate or stick in order to stop play briefly or gain a face-off. Also refers to when a goalie holds the puck until the whistle blows.

Full Strength: when a team has its full complement of 6 players on the ice.

Goal Crease: a semi-circular area with a 6 foot radius in front of the opening of the goal; denotes the playing area of the goaltender within which attacking players must not obstruct his movement or vision.

Goal Line: the two-inch red line between the goalposts that stretches in both directions to the sideboards

Goalkeeper, Goalie or Goaltender: the heavily padded player who guards the goal; prevents opponents from scoring by stopping the puck any way he can.

Hat Trick: three or more goals scored by a player in one game.

Line Change: the entire forward line and/or defensive line will be replaced at once, which puts players on the ice who work well together.

Major Penalty: a type of individual penalty called for more serious infractions of the rules; of 5 minutes in duration whether or not the non-penalized team scores.

Minor Penalty: a type of penalty lasting 2 minutes; if the non-penalized team scores a power play goal during this time, the penalty ends immediately.

Neutral Zone: the area between the blue lines.

Offside: a violation which occurs when both skates of an attacking player cross the opponent's blue line before the puck is passed or carried into the attacking zone; also called when a player passes the puck from his defending zone to a teammate across the red center line (two-line pass); this is one of the most common calls made in a hockey game and results in a face-off.

Overtime: an additional period of play used to break a tie, where the first team to score wins; if both teams are tied after the five-minute overtime, a shootout occurs.

Overtime loss: the result for a team that loses a game in overtime or a shootoutthat was tied after regulation; this category was created starting with the 1999-2000 season and is worth 1 point in the standings.

Penalty: punishment of a player for a violation of the rules, resulting in suspension from the game for a period of time; 6 types exist: minor, bench, major, misconduct, match and goalkeeper's penalties.

Penalty Box: an area with a bench just off the ice, behind the sideboards outside the playing area where penalized players serve their penalty time.

Penalty Killer: a player expert at backchecking and keeping or gaining control of a loose puck under difficult circumstances who is trained to break up a power play when his team is shorthanded.

Points: the left and right positions taken by the defensemen of the attacking team, just inside the blue line of the attacking zone; also the term used to describe the defensemen playing at this location; also an individual statistic for players equal to their goals plus assists; also a team statistic used to determine team standings (2 points for each win and 1 point for each tie or overtime loss during the regular season).

Power Play: an attack by a team at full strength against a team playing one man (or two men) shorthanded because of a penalty (or penalties) which resulted in a player on the opposing team receiving penalty-box time.

Pulling the Goalie: taking the goalkeeper off the ice and replacing him with a forward; leaves the goal unguarded so is only used as a last minute attempt to score.

Rebound: a puck that bounces off the goalie's body or equipment.

Save: the act of a goalie in blocking or stopping a shot.

Shorthanded: a team with one or more players off the ice in the penalty box when the opponent has its full complement of 6 players; also a power play for the other team.

Shot On Goal (SOG): a scoring attempt that would enter the goal if not stopped by a goalie: results in either a goal or a save.

Slap Shot: a shot in which the player raises his stick in a backswing, with his strong hand held low on the shaft and his other hand on the end as a pivot. Then as the stick comes down toward the puck, the player leans into the stick to put all his power behind the shot and add velocity to the puck; achieves an extremely high speed (up to 120 miles per hour) but is less accurate than a wrist shot.

Substitution: occurs when a player comes off the bench to replace a player coming out of the game; can be made at any time and play does not need to stop.

Wings: two players who flank the center on his right and left sides and, with him, make up the attacking unit or forward line.

Wrist Shot: a shot made using a strong flicking of the wrist and forearm muscles, with the stick blade kept on the ice; it is slower but more accurate than a slap shot.

Zones: three areas made up by the two blue lines; the attacking zone is the area farthest from the goal a player is defending; the neutral zone is the central area; the defending zone is the area where a player's goal is (the goal where his team's goalie is stationed).

TEAM MANAGEMENT

Michael Schulman
Chairman of the Board,
Anaheim Arena Management, LLC
CEO, Mighty Ducks of Anaheim

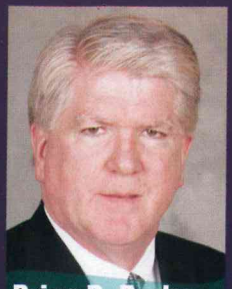
Michael Schulman serves as chairman of the board of Anaheim Arena Management, LLC, (AAM) and chief executive officer of the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim. His role with the Arrowhead Pond of Anaheim began near the end of 2003 when he was appointed chairman of AAM, the new management company of the arena. He became CEO of the Mighty Ducks in June of 2005. In these roles, he oversees all operations of the Arrowhead Pond and Mighty Ducks on behalf of the owners, Dr. Henry and Susan Samueli. He is also managing director of the Samueli Family Office where he has worked since 2000.

Previously, Schulman was a partner at McDermott, Will & Emery where he headed the Estate Planning Department for the West Coast. Prior to practicing law, Schulman was an assistant professor of law at the University of Southern California Law Center and a part-time lecturer in estate planning at the University of California, Riverside. He has lectured and published many writings, extensively on tax planning. Schulman is the author of "Applying Valuation Discounts to Wealth Transfer Techniques" and presented this in 1999 to New York University 57th Institute on Federal Taxation.

Schulman serves on the Board of Commercial Capital Bank Corp., a public company listed on the NASDAQ Exchange, as well as on the Board of Telluride Ski and Golf Company. Schulman has been a member of the UCI Foundation Board since 1991 and is on the Board of Directors of the Henry and Susan Samueli Foundation and the Samueli Institute for Information Biology.

Schulman earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California at Berkeley, and a law degree from the University of Santa Clara Law School. He and his wife Sherry live in Laguna Beach with their three children.

Mighty Ducks Senior VP/General Manager Mike O'Donnell, Executive VP/COO Tim Ryan, Executive VP/General Manager Brian Burke, owners Susan and Henry Samueli, CEO Michael Schulman and Senior VP/CMO Bob Wagner.



Brian P. Burke

Executive Vice President and General Manager

Brian Burke was named Executive Vice President and General Manager of the Mighty Ducks on June 20, 2005. He joined the Ducks after a six-year stint as Vancouver Canucks President and General Manager, where he revitalized the team and community en route to consecutive 100+ point seasons and a Northwest Division title in 2003-2004.

Shortly after taking over GM duties with the Ducks, Burke began to reshape the club's roster and hockey operations staff. After naming Randy Carlyle as the club's new head coach, Burke signed unrestricted free agent defenseman Scott Niedermayer, one of the top blue liners in the game today. Burke also added free-agent right wing Teemu Selanne in August, one of the most popular and productive players in club history.

While with Vancouver, Burke was named by The Sporting News as "NHL Executive of the Year" in 2001. He previously served as general manager of the Hartford Whalers, and he worked in the NHL front office as senior vice president and director of hockey operations.

After earning his Bachelor of Arts in history from Providence University in 1977, Burke signed professionally with the Philadelphia Flyers. He played for the Marine Mariners (Flyers' AHL affiliate) during the 1977-78 season, which culminated in a Calder Cup Championship. He then returned to school and graduated from Harvard Law in 1981. Burke practiced law in Boston for the next six years, representing professional hockey players until he joined the Canucks in 1987.

Brian and his wife Jennifer currently reside in Yorba Linda. He has five children; Katie, Patrick, Brendan, Molly, Mairin and Grace.

Tim Ryan

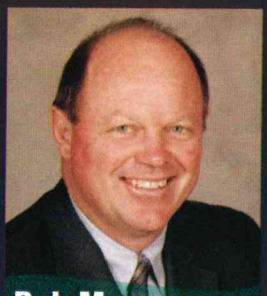
President/CEO, Anaheim Arena Management, LLC, Arrowhead Pond of Anaheim
Executive Vice President/COO, Mighty Ducks of Anaheim

Tim Ryan has more than 27 years of experience in arena management and event creation. In his 13th year with the Arrowhead Pond of Anaheim, he serves as president and chief executive officer of Anaheim Arena Management, LLC (AAM) and executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim. In his role as president and CEO of the Arrowhead Pond, Ryan oversees one of the premier entertainment and sports venues in the United States. Through strategic planning, business development and event production, he ensures the arena is busy with a variety of first-class events. From the 2003 World Gymnastics Championships to sold-out concerts like U2, Madonna and Rod Stewart, Ryan has welcomed more than 2,100 events and 21 million fans to the Arrowhead Pond of Anaheim.

As executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Mighty Ducks, Ryan oversees all business operations of the professional hockey team. He assumed his current dual roles in June of 2005 when the Mighty Ducks were purchased by Dr. Henry and Susan Samueli, owners of AAM.

In 1992, after a long career at the Long Beach Convention Center, Ryan joined the Arrowhead Pond as assistant general manager. He was promoted to general manager of the Arrowhead Pond in 1998 and was named Pollstar Magazine's Facility Executive of the Year for 2001. Near the end of 2003, the management contract for the arena was purchased by Anaheim Arena Management, LLC.; Ryan was named president and CEO of both the company and the arena.

In addition to managing the 19,000-seat arena, Ryan is active in both the entertainment industry and in the local community. In 1998, he helped to establish ArenaNetwork, an association that strives to increase the volume of business for members. Ryan sits on the Executive Committee for the organization which has grown to 42 arenas across North America. He also serves on the boards of several non-profit groups including Orangewood Children's Foundation, Special Olympics Southern California and the Los Angeles Sports Council.



Bob Murray

Senior Vice President of Hockey Operations

Bob Murray enters his first year as Senior Vice President of Hockey Operations, after being named to the post on July 14, 2005. In his role, Murray reports directly to Executive Vice President and General Manager Brian Burke.

Murray's responsibilities will include overseeing all aspects of player development, including Anaheim's American Hockey League (AHL) affiliate in Portland, Maine. Murray will also have a key role in the club's professional scouting efforts, contract negotiations and all matters relating to the National Hockey League.

Murray most recently worked as a Professional Scout with the Vancouver Canucks from 1999 to 2005. Prior to being hired in Vancouver, he served as a Scouting Consultant for Anaheim during the 1998-99 season.

He was a member of the Chicago Blackhawks organization for 28 years, culminating with three seasons as the team's General Manager. Drafted by the Blackhawks in 1974, Murray spent his entire 1,008-game career in a Chicago uniform. Known for his work ethic, intelligence and determination as a player, Murray remained with the organization as a Professional Scout following his retirement in 1990.

A year later (1991), he was named the Director of Player Personnel with Chicago and was largely responsible for the club's entry draft selections over the next eight seasons.

In 1995, Murray was named the club's Assistant General Manager. He spent two seasons in that role, before being named Chicago's General Manager on July 3, 1997.

Bob and his wife Betsy currently reside in Chicago. He has four children, two boys (Kevin and Andrew) and two girls (Amanda and Kathleen).

Bob Wagner

Senior Vice President/Chief Marketing Officer, Anaheim Arena Management, LLC & Mighty Ducks of Anaheim

Bob Wagner has more than 20 years of experience in sports marketing, primarily in the Southern California market. He is beginning his second year with Anaheim Arena Management, LLC (AAM). He added a dual role as senior vice president and chief marketing officer for both the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim and Arrowhead Pond of Anaheim on June 20, 2005. As such, Wagner leads all aspects of business operations including broadcasting, sponsorship, ticket sales, marketing, community relations, fan development and communications.

Wagner started his career with Fluor Corporation in Irvine, California, as a human resources manager. Changing direction in 1984, Wagner joined the sales and marketing team of the then California Angels. After nearly 10 years, he left his position as director of sales and marketing to start the National Hockey League's Mighty Ducks of Anaheim.

In 1996, he returned to baseball when Anaheim Sports, Inc., purchased the Angels. In his role directing the sales and servicing of each club's corporate advertising clients as well as all matters related to broadcasting, Wagner successfully built both teams relationships with local and national partners. Among his many accomplishments during that time, were securing title sponsorships for both the recently completed arena and renovated baseball stadium. As a member of the Mighty Ducks inaugural staff, he was charged with launching the sponsorship, advertising and broadcast sales efforts of the expansion team. On the Angels side, he developed and implemented the club's first freestanding, in-mall retail store while designing and bringing to market a new logo and jersey for the club.

In 2000, after 16 years in Anaheim with professional baseball and hockey, Wagner joined the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) as vice president of sales and business development. He secured title and presenting sponsors for 24 national events, coordinated the sale of broadcast inventory with ESPN and ESPN 2 and worked with the marketing department to develop and implement sales and marketing strategies. Four short years later, in July of 2004, he returned to Orange County and the Arrowhead Pond as the vice president & chief marketing officer.

A native of Seal Beach, California, Wagner began his career in sports with the California Angels in 1984, quickly rising through the ranks before taking his first post with the Mighty Ducks.

An advocate for the sports and entertainment industry, Wagner has taught sports management courses at the graduate level for four years, three with University of San Francisco at their satellite campus in Orange and one with California State University, Long Beach. He also serves on the Steering Committee of the National Sports Forum and is a member of the advisory board for Long Beach State University's Sports management program.

A California State University, Long Beach graduate and native of Southern California, he currently resides in Dove Canyon with his wife, Debbie, and their three children, Ryan, Amanda and Nick.

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COACHING STAFF

Randy Carlyle
Head Coach

Randy Carlyle is in his first season as head coach of the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim. He was named the seventh head coach in team history on Aug. 1, 2005.

Carlyle, 49, spent last season as head coach of the Manitoba Moose, Vancouver's primary development affiliate in the American Hockey League (AHL). In 2004-2005, he led Manitoba to a 44-26-3-7 record (.613 winning percentage) and an appearance in the Calder Cup Semi-Finals.

In all, Carlyle spent six seasons (1996-2001 & 2004-2005) as head coach in Manitoba (both in the International and American Hockey Leagues), earning a career mark of 222-159-52-7 with the franchise. He had the additional duties of General Manager of the Moose from 1996-2000, adding the title of club President for the 2001-2002 season. The Sudbury, Ontario, native helped the Moose to a 47-21-14 record for 108 points in 1998-99, for which he was named the IHL's General Manager of the Year.

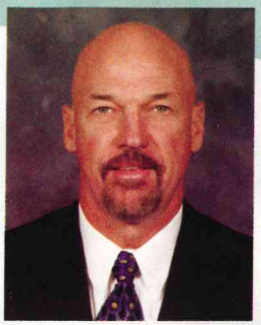
Following the 2001-2002 season, Carlyle joined the coaching staff of the Washington Capitals. He served as an assistant coach with Washington for two years (2002-2004), helping the organization return to the Stanley Cup Playoffs in his first season there, before rejoining Manitoba in 2003-2004.

Carlyle played 17 seasons in the NHL with Toronto, Pittsburgh and Winnipeg. He appeared in 1055 games and earned 148-499=647 points. Known as a fiery, tough-nosed defenseman, he was

selected to play in four NHL All-Star Games, winning the Norris Trophy as the league's top defenseman in 1981. He set a career high with 82 points in 1980-81, appearing in 76 games with Pittsburgh that season. In all, Carlyle had five seasons in which he topped the 50-point plateau and he appeared in 69 NHL postseason games as a player, earning 9-24=33 points.

At the conclusion of his playing career in 1993, Carlyle remained with the Winnipeg organization's hockey operations staff, eventually becoming an assistant coach for the 1995-96 season.

Randy and his wife, Corey, have three children; sons Craig (21) and Derek (19), as well as daughter, Alexis (9). The family resides in Yorba Linda.



Dave Farrish Assistant Coach

Dave Farrish was named an assistant coach on August 9, 2005.

A native of Lucknow, Ontario Farrish brings 15 years of coaching experience to the Mighty Ducks. Farrish has served as head coach of 1,027 professional hockey games between the American Hockey League (AHL), International Hockey League (IHL) and the ECHL, compiling a record of 520-402-83-22.

During the 1992-93 season Farrish was an assistant with the New Jersey Devils under former U.S. Olympic coach Herb Brooks. Including the Devils, Farrish's teams have qualified for postseason play in 12 of his 15 seasons.

Farrish played seven seasons (1976-77 to 1983-84) in the NHL as a defenseman with Toronto, Quebec and the New York Rangers. In 430 regular season games, he recorded 17-110=127 points.

Dave and his wife, Roxanne, currently reside in Anaheim Hills.

Newell Brown Assistant Coach

Newell Brown was named an assistant coach on Aug. 17, 2005.

Brown rejoins the Mighty Ducks organization after spending four seasons with the Columbus Blue Jackets as an associate coach. The Cornwall, Ontario native served as an assistant coach for the Mighty Ducks in the 1998-99 and 1999-2000 seasons.

Brown has more than 17 years of coaching experience at the NCAA, American Hockey League and NHL levels. Prior to his original stint with Anaheim, Brown was an assistant coach with the Chicago Blackhawks for two seasons, 1996-98.

As a player, Brown spent two seasons with the Cornwall Royals of the Ontario Hockey League in 1978-79 and 1979-80 and helped the Royals win the Memorial Cup in 1979. From 1980-84, Brown played at Michigan State, where he served as team captain in his final three seasons and earned First Team All-CCHA honors in 1982. He was captain of the Canadian National Team in 1985-86.

Newell and his wife, Lori, have a daughter, Erika, and son, Adam. The family resides in Yorba Linda.

Francois Allaire Goaltending Consultant

Francois Allaire is in his 10th season as the Mighty Ducks Goaltending Consultant.

Long considered one of hockey's foremost experts on goaltending, Allaire has worked extensively with Mighty Ducks' goaltenders over the last nine years. He helped Guy Hebert become the franchise's first All-Star goaltender (1997 All-Star Game) and under his direction, Jean-Sebastien Giguere has become one of the league's best. Giguere has three times been selected to play for Team Canada at the World Championships (2001, 2002 and 2004) and won the Conn Smythe Trophy as 2003's playoff MVP.

A two-time Stanley Cup Champion, Allaire spent 12 seasons with the Montreal Canadiens organization prior to joining the Ducks. As the team's Goaltending Coach, he helped the club win the Stanley Cup in 1986 and 1993, working with five-time All-Star Patrick Roy beginning in 1984-85 until 1995-96.

A graduate of the University of Sherbrooke with a degree in physical education, Allaire has published four books on goaltending, pre-season physical preparation and sports psychology.

The 50-year-old Allaire resides in Boisbriand, Quebec.

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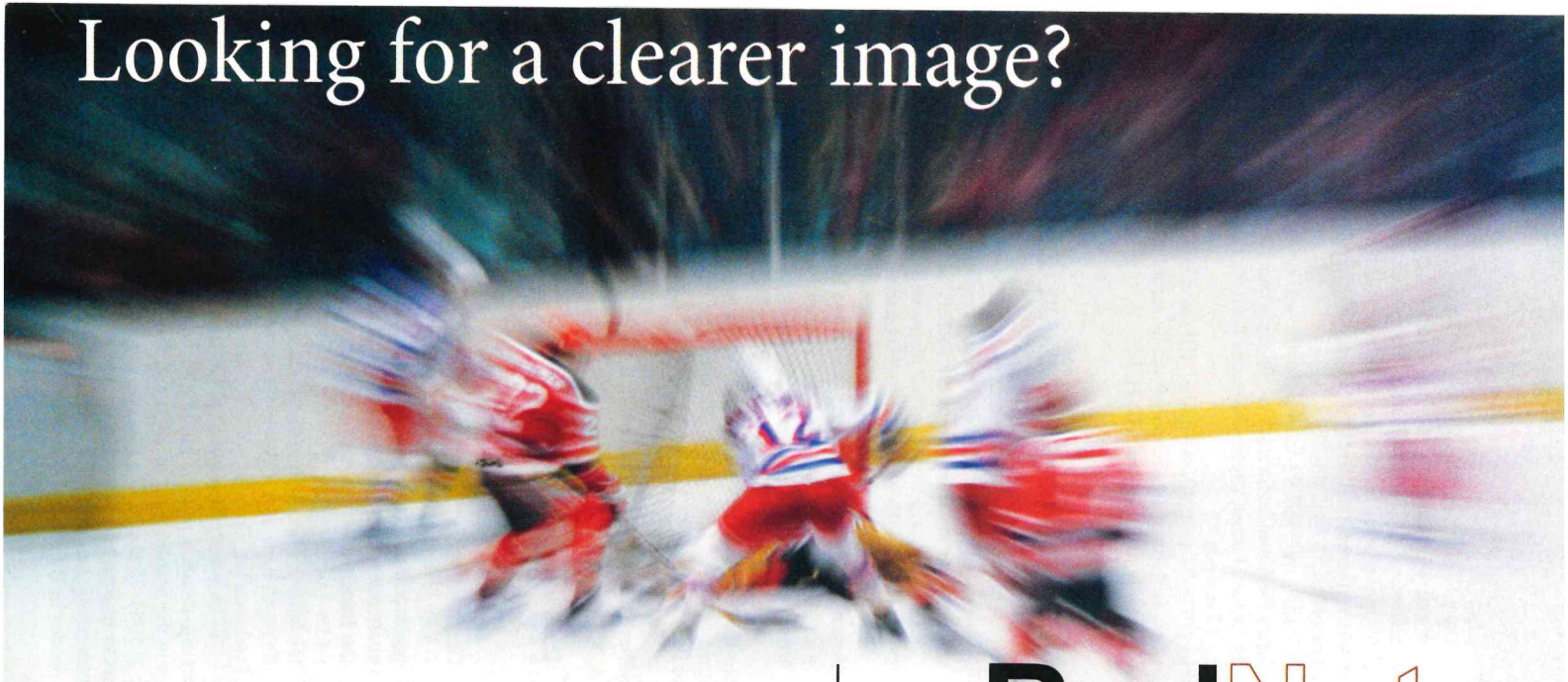

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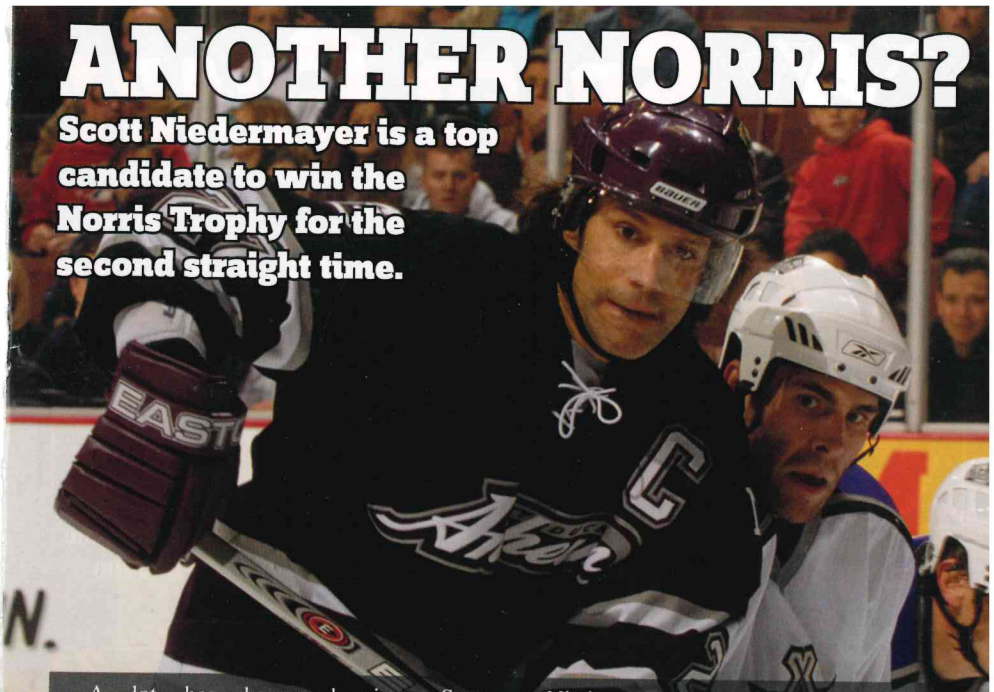
Scott Niedermayer is a top candidate to win the Norris Trophy for the second straight time.



A lot has happened since Scott Niedermayer was awarded the Norris Trophy as the NHL's top defenseman after the 2003-04 season. It has been almost two years since Niedermayer received the honor for the first time, due to last season's NHL work stoppage. And in that period Niedermayer has switched teams, coming to the Mighty Ducks as a free agent last summer.

But what hasn't changed is Niedermayer's presence on both ends of the ice, as he has put himself in position to win the award for the second straight time. Yet the 32-year-old Niedermayer rarely focuses on such things, instead concentrating on getting the Ducks in position for the Stanley Cup playoffs.

"What's important to me is trying to give as much as I can to the team I'm on," Niedermayer says. "Even before my last year in Jersey, when I did win it, I felt good about what I was doing, how I was playing and what I offered to the team."

Niedermayer has been a major defensive presence for the Ducks this season.

Niedermayer has been among the leaders in defenseman points and will easily surpass the 54 he scored during his Norris-winning season. (His career high was 57 during the 1992-93 season.) However, Niedermayer's impact on the games goes well beyond numbers.

"He's the best player I've ever played with," says goalie J.S. Giguere. "He's our leader. Every game and every practice, he's always our best player."

That's despite the fact that Niedermayer was nagged by a knee injury for two months before having surgery during the Olympic break in mid-February. Surprisingly, he didn't miss a single game when the Ducks hit the ice again on March 1.

Ducks General Manager Brian Burke has made his choice for the award very clear. "I've seen all the top defensemen and Scott Niedermayer is the best defenseman in the league," Burke says. "By a wide margin."

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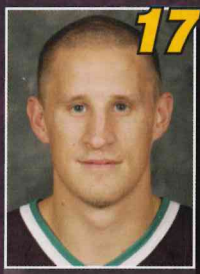

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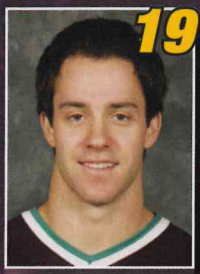

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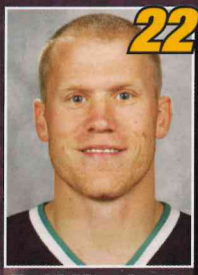

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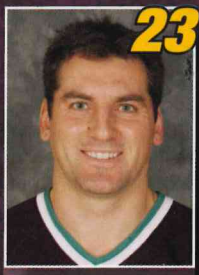

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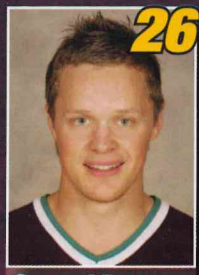

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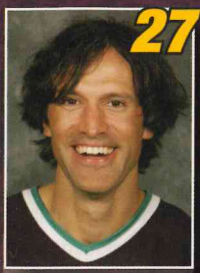

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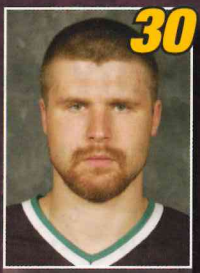

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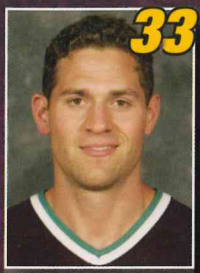

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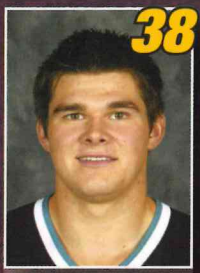

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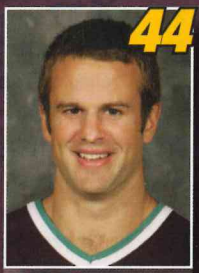

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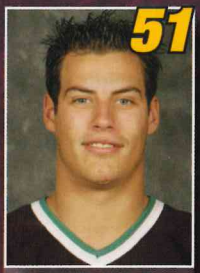

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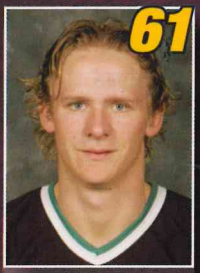

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As of March 20

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Birthplace
5	Vitaly Vishnevski	D	6-2	210	3/18/80	Kharkov, Russia
6	Jason Marshall	D	6-2	200	2/22/71	Cranbrook, British Columbia
12	Jeff Friesen	LW	6-1	205	9/5/76	Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan
13	Teemu Selanne	RW	6-0	200	7/3/70	Helsinki, Finland
15	Joffrey Lupul	RW	6-1	205	9/23/83	Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta
17	Jonathan Hedstrom	RW	6-0	200	12/27/77	Skelleftea, Sweden
19	Andy McDonald	C	5-10	186	8/25/77	Strathroy, Ontario
21	Sean O'Donnell	D	6-3	228	10/31/71	Ottawa, Ontario
22	Todd Marchant	C	5-10	180	8/12/73	Buffalo, New York
23	Francois Beauchemin	D	6-0	214	6/4/80	Sorel, Quebec
24	Ruslan Salei	D	6-1	215	11/2/74	Minsk, Belarus
26	Samuel Pahlsson	C	5-11	212	12/17/77	Ange, Sweden
27	Scott Niedermayer	D	6-1	200	8/31/73	Edmonton, Alberta
29	Todd Fedoruk	LW	6-2	241	2/13/79	Redwater, Alberta
30	Ilya Bryzgalov	G	6-3	209	6/22/80	Togliatti, Russia
32	Travis Moen	LW	6-2	216	4/6/82	Stewart Valley, Saskatchewan
33	Joe DiPenta	D	6-2	204	2/25/79	Barrie, Ontario
35	J.S. Giguere	G	6-1	199	5/16/77	Montreal, Quebec
38	Chris Kunitz	LW	6-0	194	9/26/79	Regina, Saskatchewan
44	Rob Niedermayer	C	6-2	204	12/28/74	Cassiar, British Columbia
51	Ryan Getzlaf	C/RW	6-3	213	5/10/85	Regina, Saskatchewan
61	Corey Perry	RW	6-3	202	5/16/85	Peterborough, Ontario

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OPPONENT INFORMATION

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2006

Nashville Predators

Tonight is the fourth meeting of the season between the Mighty Ducks and Predators, and Anaheim has won two of the previous three meetings. The last was a 4-2 Ducks victory in Nashville on New Year's Day, as Joffrey Lupul scored two first period goals and Scott Niedermayer added another in the period to put Anaheim up for good. Exactly two months earlier, the Ducks dominated Nashville at the Arrowhead Pond en route to a 4-1 victory. Andy McDonald had a goal and an assist in the game, as J.S. Giguere had 32 saves. Chris Kunitz scored his first career NHL goal in the game.

Nashville's lone win against the Ducks was in the two teams' second game of the season. Former Duck Paul Kariya scored the lone goal in a shootout to give Nashville a 3-2 decision. It was the second victory in an eight-game winning streak to start the season for the Predators.

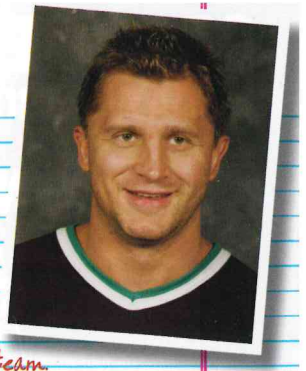
Nashville has been firmly in second place in the Central Division for most of the season and is currently in fourth position in the Western Conference. Kariya has led the team in scoring for most of the year and has lingered around the top 10 scorers in the Western Conference. Tomas Vokoun has been a stalwart in goal, giving up just under 2.5 goals per game and recording a save percentage of .922.

Nashville earned its 39th victory of the season last week, a new franchise record.

As of March 20

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthplace	DOB
2	Dan Hamhuis	D	6-0	205	Smithers, British Columbia	12/13/82
3	Marek Zidlicky	D	5-11	187	Most, Czechoslovakia	2/3/77
6	Shea Weber	D	6-3	213	Sicamous, British Columbia	8/14/85
7	Scottie Upshall	RW	6-0	187	Fort McMurray, Alberta	10/7/83
9	Paul Kariya	LW	5-10	175	Vancouver, British Columbia	10/16/74
10	Martin Erat	LW	6-0	195	Trebic, Czechoslovakia	8/28/81
11	David Legwand	C	6-2	190	Detroit, Michigan	8/17/80
12	Scott Nichol	C	5-8	173	Edmonton, Alberta	12/31/74
14	Jordin Tootoo	RW	5-9	195	Churchill, Manitoba	2/2/83
16	Darcy Hordichuk	LW	6-1	215	Kamsack, Saskatchewan	8/10/80
17	Scott Hartnell	LW	6-2	205	Regina, Saskatchewan	4/18/82
18	Adam Hall	RW	6-3	205	Kalamazoo, Michigan	8/14/80
19	Brendan Witt	D	6-2	219	Humboldt, Saskatchewan	2/20/75
20	Ryan Suter	D	6-1	183	Madison, Wisconsin	1/21/85
22	Greg Johnson	C	5-11	202	Thunder Bay, Ontario	3/16/71
25	Jerred Smithson	C	6-2	200	Vernon, British Columbia	2/4/79
26	Steve Sullivan	RW	5-8	155	Timmins, Ontario	7/6/74
29	Tomas Vokoun	G	6-0	195	Karlovy Vary, Czechoslovakia	7/2/76
30	Chris Mason	G	6-0	195	Red Deer, Alberta	4/20/76
44	Kimmo Timonen	D	5-10	196	Kuopio, Finland	3/18/75
81	Mike Sillinger	RW	5-11	195	Regina, Saskatchewan	6/29/71

A Closer Look... Ruslan Salei



Nickname
"Rusty"

Favorite NHL cities to visit
Montreal, Vancouver and New York

Favorite NHL team growing up
I probably watched Montreal more than any other team.

Favorite food
Italian

What other sport would you play if you didn't play hockey?
I was playing soccer before I was playing hockey.

Favorite kind of music
I like softer music, but before a game I listen to some heavier music. I'm not really picky, normally.

Most famous person you've met outside of hockey
The president of my country, Aleksandr Lukashenka. We play hockey every summer together.

Favorite actor
Al Pacino

Favorite actress
Out of the new ones, I like Jessica Alba.

Favorite OC restaurant
Kitayama, a Japanese restaurant in Newport Beach.

Favorite TV shows
"Friends", "Las Vegas" and "Joey"

Other sports you like to watch
Basketball and Soccer

Favorite movie
"The Godfather"

Best hockey memory
Going to the Stanley Cup finals in 2003 and playing in the Olympics for Belarus in Salt Lake City in 2002.

First car
It was a Russian car called a Lada. It was dark cherry and I got it in 1991.

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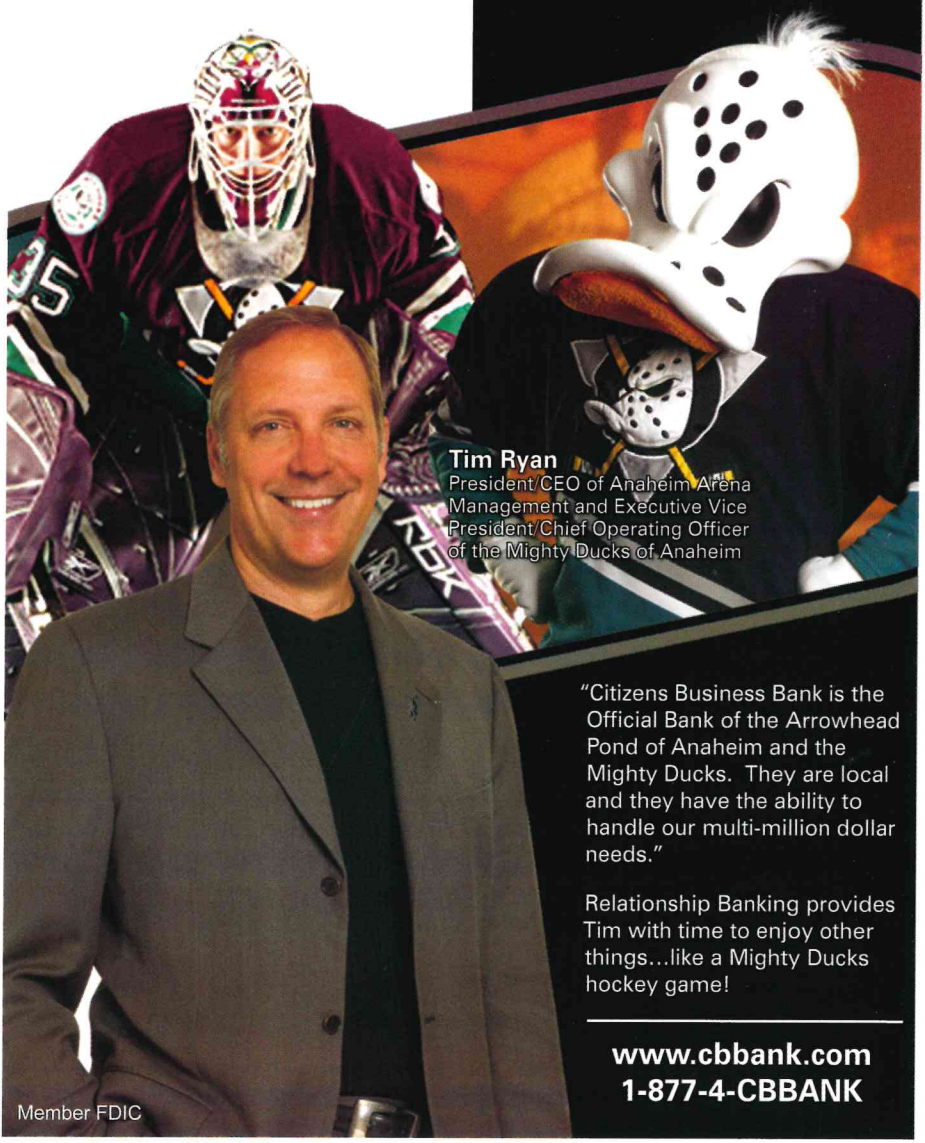

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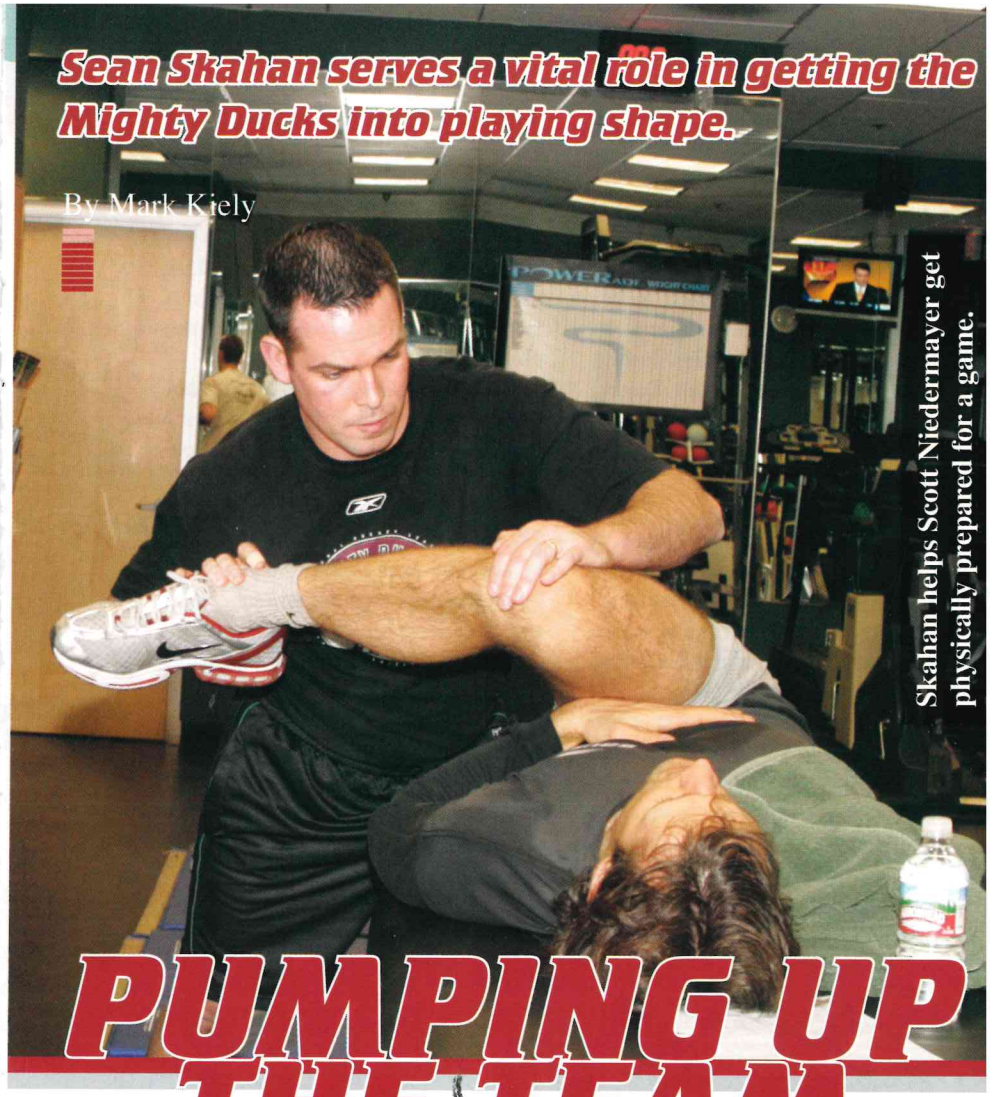
Sean Skahan serves a vital role in getting the Mighty Ducks into playing shape.

By Mark Kiely



Skahan helps Scott Niedermayer get physically prepared for a game.

PUMPING UP THE TEAM

In a league that gets stronger, faster and more powerful every year, having someone like Sean Skahan has become invaluable for the Mighty Ducks. No, Skahan isn't a bruising defenseman or a fast-skating winger. Some might say he's even more valuable to the Ducks than that.

For the last three seasons Skahan has been the Ducks' strength and conditioning coach, a position that is multi-faceted and varies day to day. Yet ultimately his task remains the same -- to ensure that every Ducks' player is in top physical condition 365 days a year. During the off-season, that means making sure each player has an individualized program to build the strength and stamina desired for the grueling season ahead. During the season, it's all about maintenance and trying to slow the process of losing what players built during the off-season.

"Fifteen years ago my position didn't exist," Skahan says. "If you look at the game, it has changed. Players are bigger, faster and stronger. It's so much faster than it was even in the early '90s. Players today go out and they train hard. Guys used to use training camp to get in shape for the season. Now, you'd better be in shape when you arrive at training camp."

Skahan, who holds a Master's degree in kinesiology from the University of Minnesota, joined the Ducks in 2002 after having worked with several NCAA hockey programs. He works closely with the Ducks coaching staff, management and athletic trainer, all with the goal of putting together the best possible program for the players. He says one of the most important aspects of his job is constantly doing research to adopt the latest science and technology into the information he passes along to the players.

"In any profession, if you're not getting better, you're getting worse," Skahan says. "There are always new techniques out there that some of the guys might want to know about. They don't want to be doing the same things they were doing five years ago when there are now better techniques available."

It's that type of research that plays into the postgame workout programs for the players. Yes, postgame. After nearly ever game, whether celebrating a win or lamenting a loss, players are encouraged to do a "flush ride" on the stationary bike, designed to hasten

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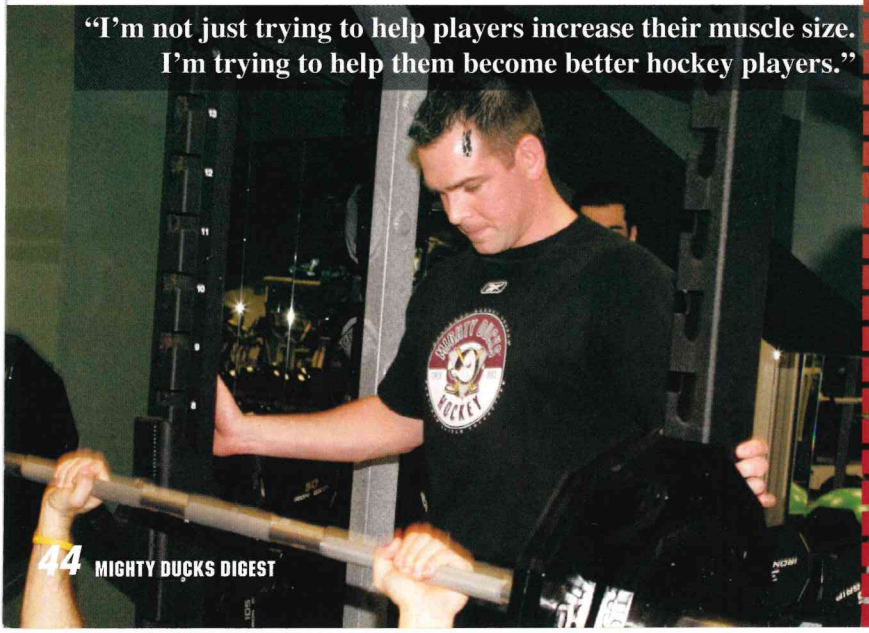

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lactic acid removal from the body. Depending on when the next game is, Skahan may also have the players do some weightlifting after a game.

"These guys are very well-disciplined," Skahan says. "They're professionals. They're going to do what they need to do to get better. I'm there to push them in the right direction and to make sure they're doing the right things."

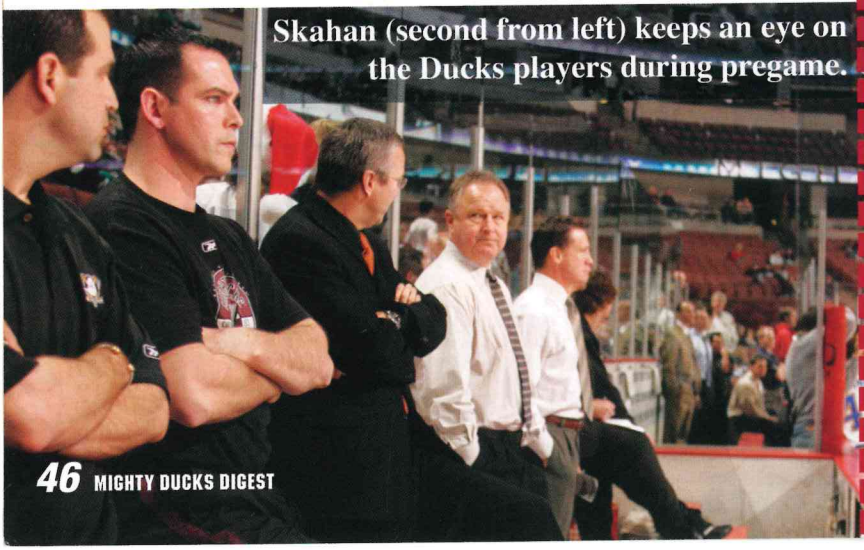
As an undergraduate student at University of Massachusetts at Boston, Skahan played on the football team, but his ultimate goal at that time was to become an athletic trainer. The more research he did about the profession, the more he learned about strength and conditioning. By the age of 26, he got the call to pack his things and move to Anaheim. He had never been to Southern California before landing the Ducks job, and admits he wasn't even quite sure where Anaheim was at the time. Nevertheless, he and his wife, Hillary, left Boston the next week to pursue Sean's dream job.

"I really enjoy working with hockey players because they have a work ethic that is phenomenal," he says. "My goal has always been to work with the best players, and the NHL is where the best players are. I just didn't think I'd attain that goal at such a young age."

Skahan says he trains like a hockey player himself, although last year he was diagnosed with a tumor in his spinal cord that required surgery and took him out of his normal training regimen. He's now working his way back into shape, much the same way he gets the players conditioned on a daily basis. "Bodybuilding and strength and conditioning are two different things," he explains. "I'm not just trying to help players increase their muscle size. I'm trying to help them become better hockey players."

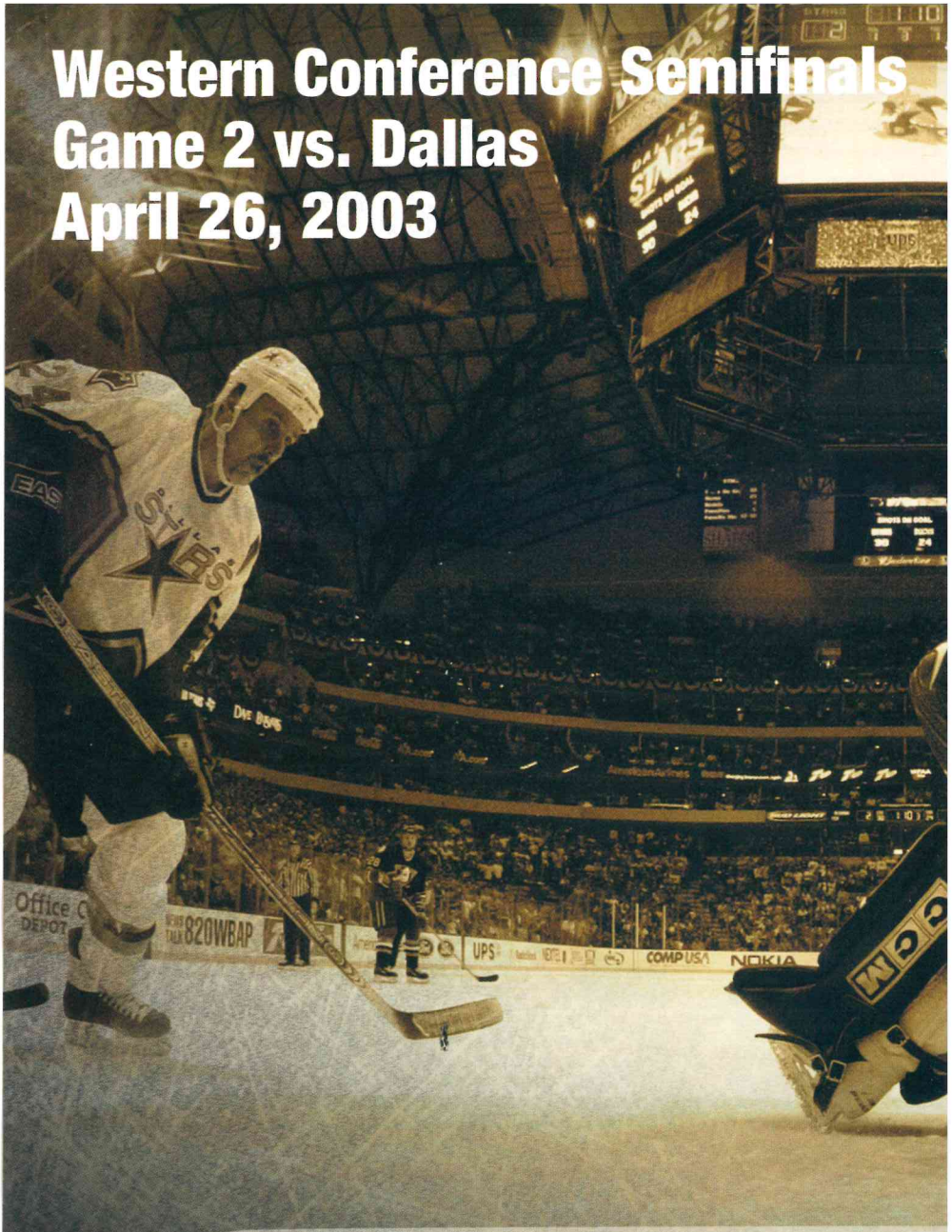
With his health problems behind him and new Ducks ownership and management who share his hard-nosed approach to training, Skahan is enjoying life more than ever. He and his wife are expecting their first child in June, and his days, although long, are spent with some fine athletes, not to mention quality human beings.

"Doing this was kind of nerve-wracking at first," Skahan says. "But you realize these guys are great people. It's a great team. I don't put them on a pedestal. I just look at them as guys who want to get better, and it's pretty easy for me. The respect is always there."



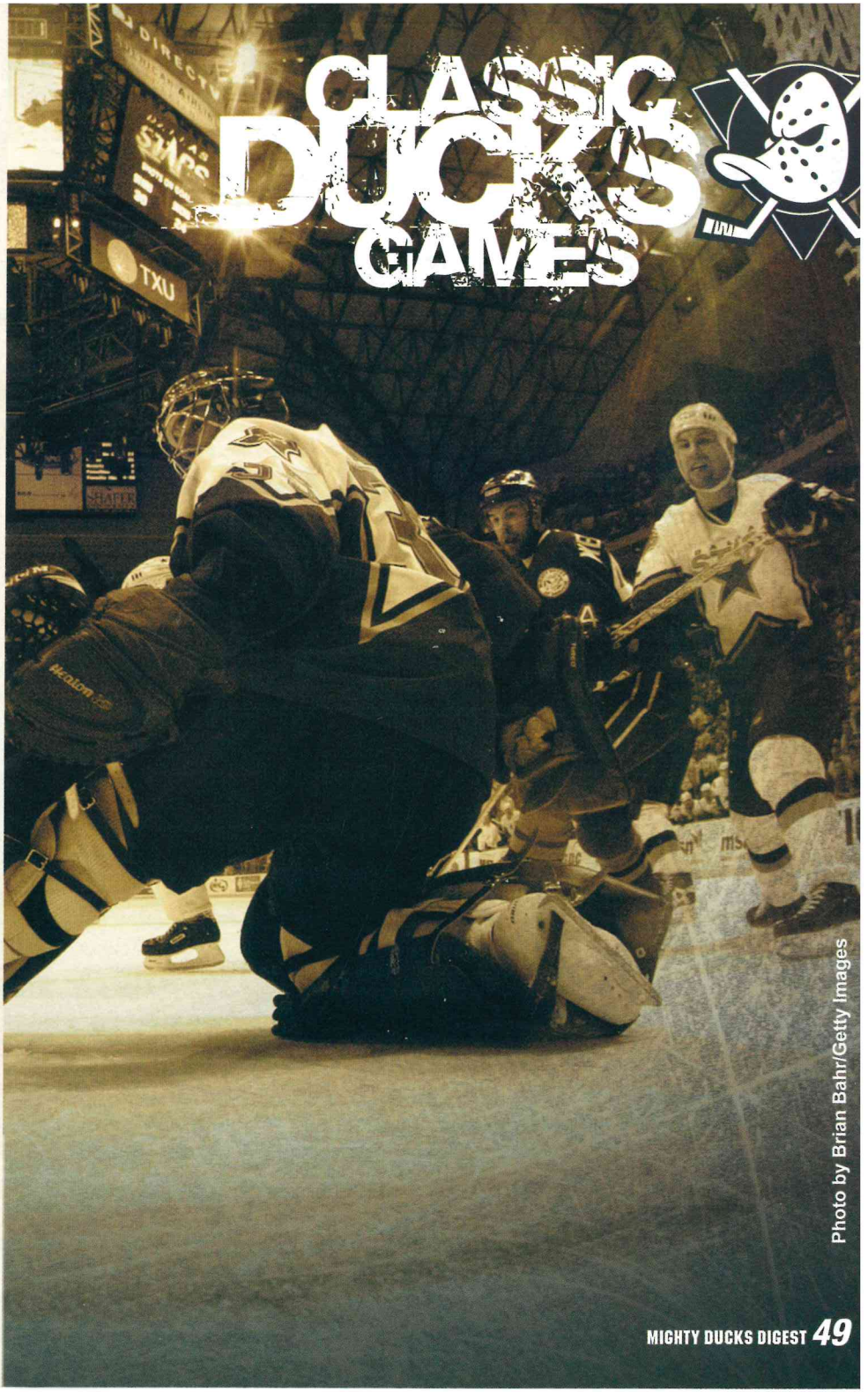
Skahan (second from left) keeps an eye on the Ducks players during pregame.

Western Conference Semifinals
Game 2 vs. Dallas
April 26, 2003



Rob Niedermayer (second from the right) scored on goalie Marty Turco with just 1:09 left in regulation to tie the game at 2-2. The Mighty Ducks went on to defeat the top-seeded Dallas Stars 3-2 in overtime and take a 2-0 series lead. Anaheim would win the series in six games, then sweep Minnesota in the next round to advance to its first Stanley Cup Finals.

CLASSIC DUCKS GAMES



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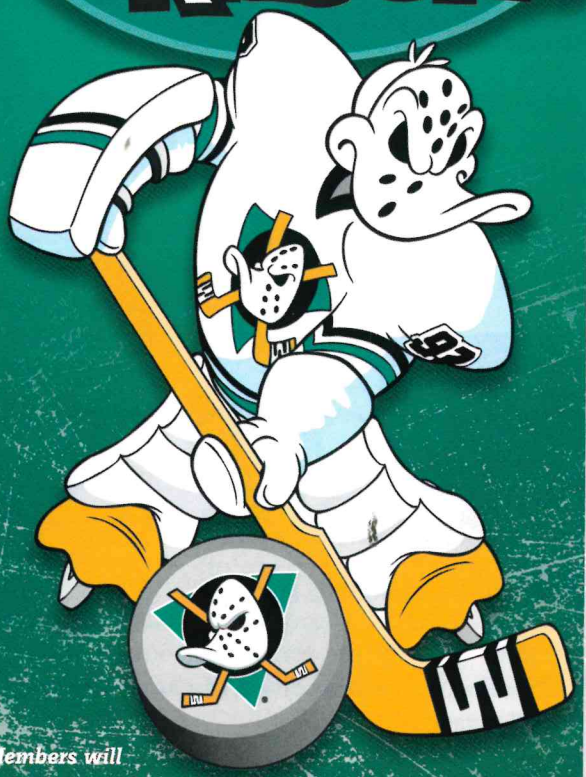

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The food drives are born out of a partnership with HORMEL® Chili to support Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County, the local affiliate of America's Second Harvest, which is the nation's largest hunger relief organization.

Three more HORMEL® Chili Food Drives will be held prior to Sunday home games this season. Participants who donate five or more HORMEL® Chili or non-perishable food items will receive various Mighty Ducks items, limit one per person. For the March 5 game against Columbus, the first 400 fans to donate food will receive a voucher for the March 7 game against San Jose. Donations after the first 400 will receive Mighty Ducks merchandise. For the March 12 game against Phoenix, the first 400 donors will receive a voucher for the March 22 game against Colorado. Donations after the first 400 will receive Mighty Ducks merchandise. For the April 2 game versus Vancouver, each donor will receive a Mighty Ducks hat.

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The First Flight Field Trip will turn the Arrowhead Pond into an interactive classroom where students will apply their math, language arts, geography, science and physics knowledge to the game of hockey as they watch the Mighty Ducks team practice and scrimmage. Students will also be able to follow all First Flight Field Trip concepts with their own First Flight Field Trip workbook that will be provided to each student before they arrive to the Arrowhead Pond. The curriculum is written in collaboration with Chapman University and lesson plans conform to the California State Board of Education content standards for grades 3 to 6.

Please contact Joseph Hwang at (714) 940-2827 for more information.

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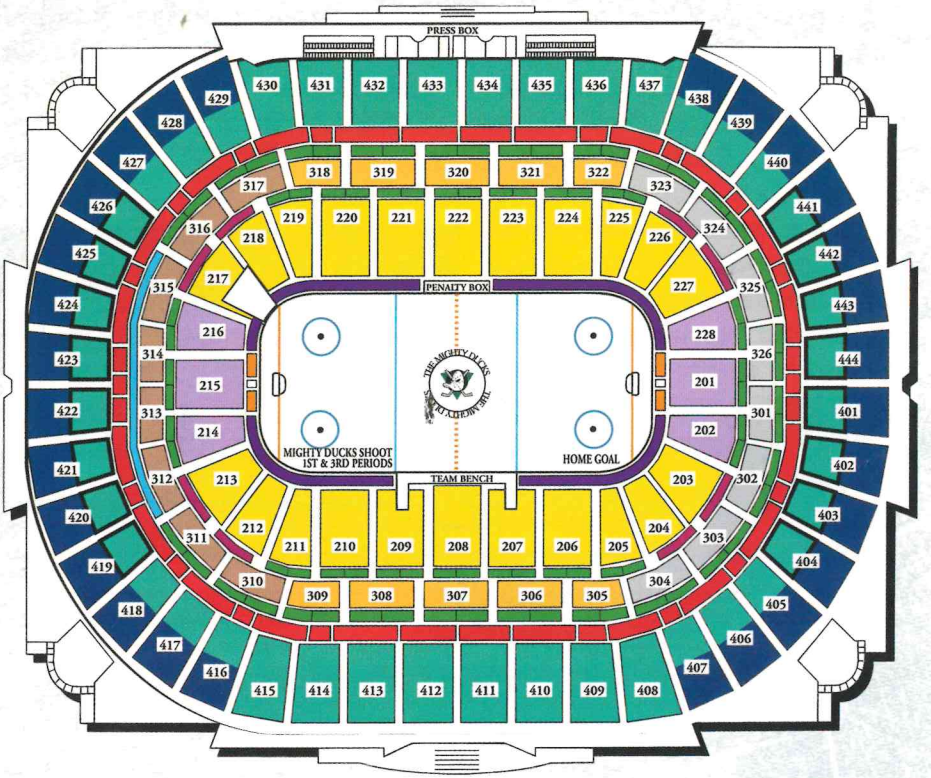

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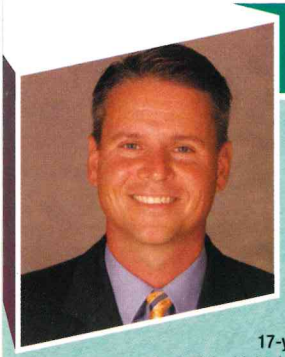


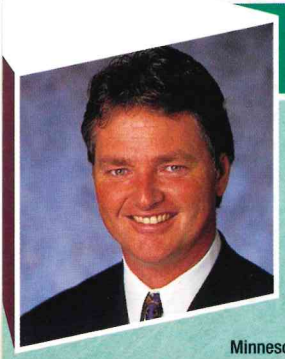
JOHN AHLERS
Television Play-by-Play

John Ahlers is in his fourth season as the Mighty Ducks television play-by-play voice on KCAL 9 and Fox Sports West 2.

Additionally, Ahlers has implemented a series of community initiatives aimed at emphasizing the value of teamwork in day-to-day life. He makes numerous presentations each year to elementary-aged students using the sport of hockey as a model to demonstrate the need for cooperation in any successful endeavor. Ahlers can also be seen and heard at many of the Mighty Ducks community relations' events, where he works as host and emcee.

Prior to joining the Ducks, Ahlers was with the Tampa Bay Lightning organization. While in Tampa Bay, Ahlers served as radio play-by-play voice from 1999-2002. A 17-year broadcast veteran with over 1,200 games behind the microphone, he also worked as host of the Lightning's television pre-game show and Lightning Weekly, a magazine format program aired on Florida's Sunshine Television Network.

A graduate of Michigan State University, he's also been the voice of the Salt Lake City Golden Eagles (IHL) and the Louisville IceHawks (East Coast Hockey League) as well as Michigan State and Colorado College hockey.



BRIAN HAYWARD
Television Color Analyst

The original television analyst for the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, Brian Hayward is in his 13th season with the club. Over the past 11 years, he has earned a reputation as one of hockey's most articulate and informative analysts.

In addition to his work in Anaheim, Hayward has called games for ABC, ESPN, ESPN2 and CBC. He was also selected to provide color commentary for the 2004 World Cup of Hockey, teaming with Dave Strader for ESPN's telecasts of the event. In 1998, he served as a roving reporter during the Stanley Cup Finals for ESPN, where he had the distinction of interviewing President Bill Clinton during a game in Washington.

Hayward played in the NHL with the Winnipeg Jets, Montreal Canadiens, Minnesota North Stars and San Jose Sharks. A member of the inaugural San Jose Sharks in 1991-92, Hayward gained experience as an analyst on select Sharks games while sidelined with injuries. When a back injury forced a premature end to his playing career, he became a full-time broadcaster with the Mighty Ducks.

A native of Toronto, Hayward holds a degree in business management from Cornell. He resides in Anaheim Hills with his wife, Angela, and daughter, Courtney.

STEVE CARROLL
Radio Play-by-Play

Steve Carroll is in his seventh season as the Mighty Ducks radio play-by-play voice. A veteran of 27 years as a play-by-play announcer, he joined the club prior to the 1999-2000 season.

Carroll joined the Mighty Ducks after spending the previous two seasons handling the radio play-by-play duties for the New Orleans Brass of the ECHL, including serving in the communications, media relations and corporate sales departments. He also called games for the New Orleans Zephyrs, a Triple-A affiliate of the Houston Astros, from 1996-98.

The 50-year-old Carroll has previous NHL broadcasting experience with the Philadelphia Flyers, serving as radio play-by-play announcer for the 1995-96 season. He also called action for the New Haven Nighthawks of the AHL during the 1985-86 season and the Des Moines Buccaneers (USHL) from 1981-85.

A native of St. Louis, Carroll is also a contributor to mightyducks.com, the club's official team website. On behalf of the team he does numerous speaking engagements and charity work during the season and in the summer months. The last two years Carroll has also co-hosted "This Week in Angels Baseball" on Adelphia Cable in Southern California.

Steve and his wife Rhonda were married in February 2002. The couple resides in Ladera Ranch.

BRENT SEVERYN
Radio Color Analyst

Brent Severyn is a first-season radio color analyst with the Mighty Ducks, and joins Steve Carroll in the broadcast booth throughout the season.

Having worked on both radio and television, the former Mighty Duck brings five years of hockey broadcasting experience with him to Anaheim. He has worked as an analyst with Fox Sports Net in Dallas and the Stars' radio flagship 1310 AM, The Ticket. In addition, Severyn assisted with a number of charity initiatives in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, and even started his own community program called Sevy's Bikes for Kids and Assistance.

A native of Vegreville, Alberta, Severyn was a member of the 1997-98 Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, recording 1-3=4 points with 133 penalty minutes (PIM) in 37 games played. A seven-year NHL veteran, Severyn played 328 games between Quebec, Florida, New York Islanders, Colorado, Anaheim and Dallas, scoring 10-30=40 points with 825 PIM. In 1999, he won the Stanley Cup with the Stars. Severyn was drafted by Winnipeg in the fifth round (99th overall) of the 1984 NHL Entry Draft.

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Sat.	Oct. 8	@ Nashville	5:00 p.m.	FSN2
Mon.	Oct. 10	EDMONTON	7:30 p.m.	FSN2
Fri.	Oct. 14	COLUMBUS	7:30 p.m.	FSN
Sun.	Oct. 16	@ Minnesota	3:00 p.m.	FSN2
Wed.	Oct. 19	@ St. Louis	5:00 p.m.	FSN2
Fri.	Oct. 21	@ Detroit	4:30 p.m.	FSN2
Sun.	Oct. 23	PHOENIX	1:00 p.m.	KCAL 9
Tues.	Oct. 25	@ Los Angeles	7:30 p.m.	
Wed.	Oct. 26	CALGARY	7:30 p.m.	FSN2
Fri.	Oct. 28	ST. LOUIS	7:30 p.m.	FSN2
Sun.	Oct. 30	PHOENIX	5:00 p.m.	FSN2
Tues.	Nov. 1	NASHVILLE	7:30 p.m.	FSN2
Thurs.	Nov. 3	@ Colorado	6:00 p.m.	FSN2
Fri.	Nov. 4	SAN JOSE	7:30 p.m.	FSN2
Sun.	Nov. 6	MINNESOTA	5:00 p.m.	FSN2
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Sat.	Feb. 4	@ San Jose	7:30 p.m.	FSN2
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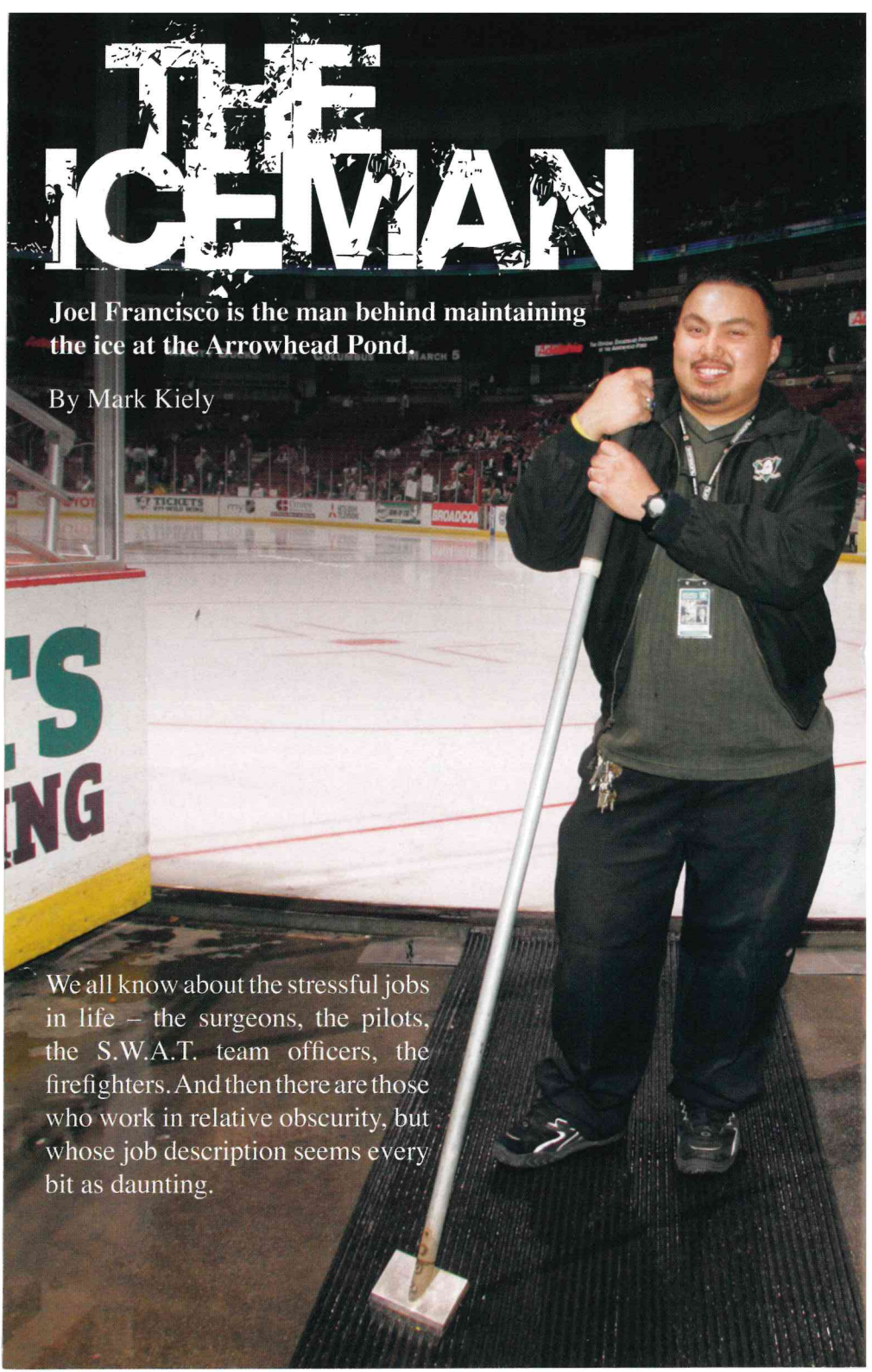
Joel Francisco is the man behind maintaining the ice at the Arrowhead Pond.

By Mark Kiely



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It doesn't exactly sound like a dream job, but thanks to a good support team and the freezers underneath the ice that handle much of the heavy lifting, Francisco relishes going to work every day. "I love being able to take care of the ice for these guys and to just be a part of the whole NHL experience," he says.

As Ice Technician, the 29-year-old Francisco and his crew care for the playing surface, drive the Zambonis to clean the ice and monitor the surface for all ice events at the Arrowhead Pond. For Ducks games, that means observing every moment from either the Zamboni tunnel or from a perch on the arena's 200 level. "We have to see how well the ice is holding up," Francisco explains. "We look for where the snow is accumulating and if it's affecting the play of the puck." After each game, Francisco heads down to the locker rooms to take a report on the quality of the ice from a random player on each team.

Francisco says everything from the city's water quality to the number of doors open in the Arrowhead Pond can play a significant role in the quality of the ice, which means getting it just right is a complicated mix of science, skill and luck. It sounds a bit like how Francisco found himself in this position in the first place.

A pick-up hockey player, Francisco applied for a job in the pro shop at the Ducks' practice facility – now known

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as Anaheim Ice – in 1995. After a year of selling jerseys, skates and hockey equipment, he earned a promotion into facility operations. In other words, it was time to learn how to drive the Zamboni.

"That first time was kind of overwhelming," Francisco recalls. "There are a lot of controls and I was slipping and sliding all over the place."

Francisco eventually conquered the Zamboni and learned the tricks of the trade from the Ice Technician there before bringing his skills to the Arrowhead Pond in the fall of 2000. In January 2001, he was named to his current position.

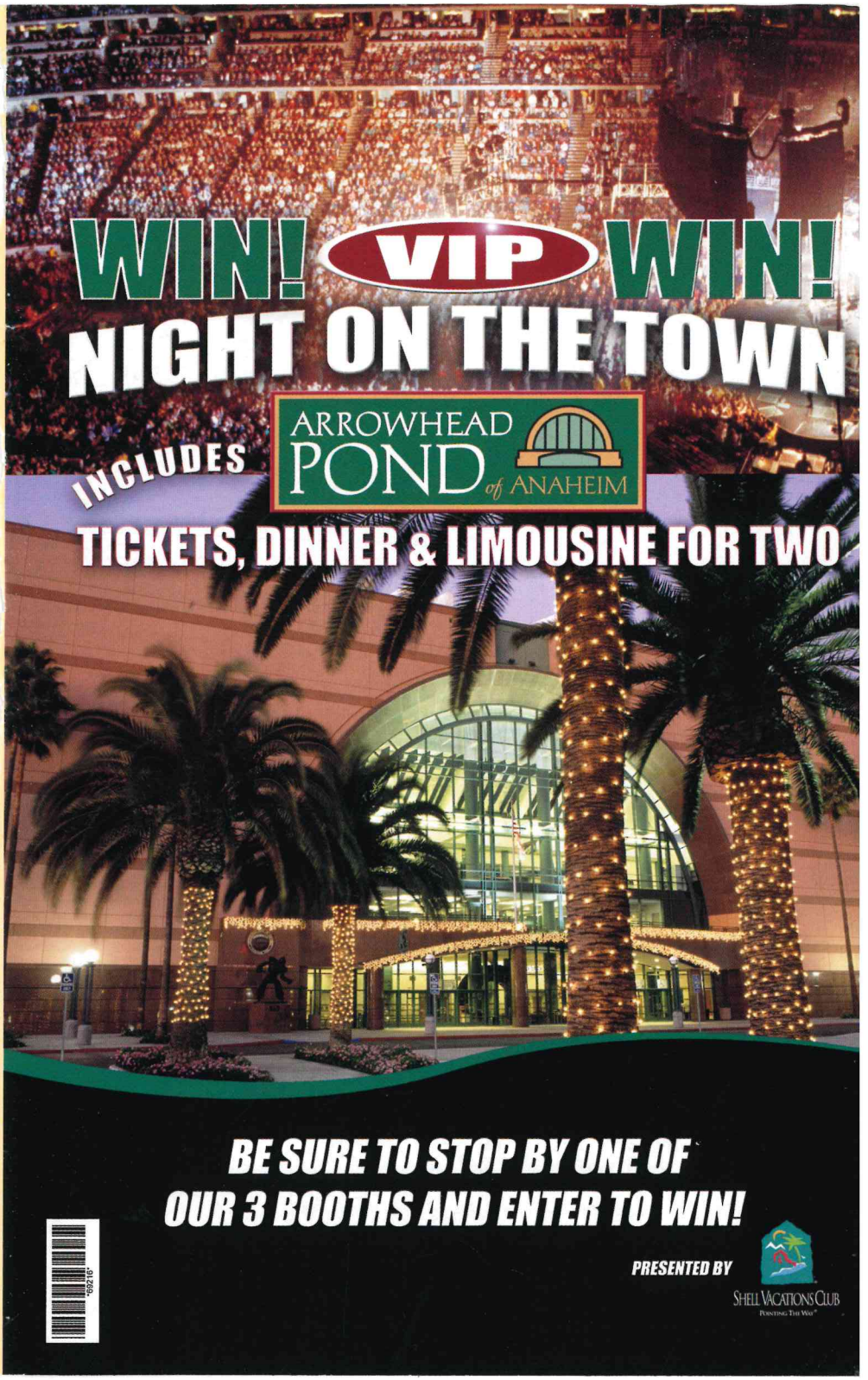
On non-game days, Francisco works a standard 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. schedule, examining the ice in an effort to keep it between one and one-and-one-quarter inches thick. He and his crew of two shave down high spots and build up low spots. Because the ice remains in place throughout the hockey season, part of Francisco's job is to repair any damage done during non-ice events. He says the biggest culprits are drink spills that seap in through the surface covering the ice during concerts.

"They can melt in pretty far," he says. To remedy that situation, they take hot water and melt a section of ice by hand. Once the spill is cleaned up, then they can create new ice with fresh water. They also patch nicks in the ice with slush, and they always need to keep an eye on the edge of the rink, where the ice meets the dasher boards. There's a tendency for chunks of ice to come loose in that area. Francisco says he and the other ice techs from around the league often exchange tips via e-mail in constant pursuit of providing the best ice surfaces possible for the world's greatest hockey players.

His job isn't all in the details of monitoring ice, however. One of the highlights of being a Zamboni driver at the Arrowhead Pond is getting the opportunity to wave to the fans and take a youngster along for a memorable ride between periods. "It's pretty fun getting out there in front of everyone," Francisco says. "The riders usually have a good time with it."

Francisco and his wife live in Anaheim and have a three-year-old son of their own whom Joel has taken on the Zamboni during off days at the Arrowhead Pond. Francisco smiles when recalling how far he has come from the guy who once felt butterflies driving the Zamboni in front of an arena full of fans.

"I just kept working my way up," he says. "I never really thought I'd get this far, but being a part of this is amazing."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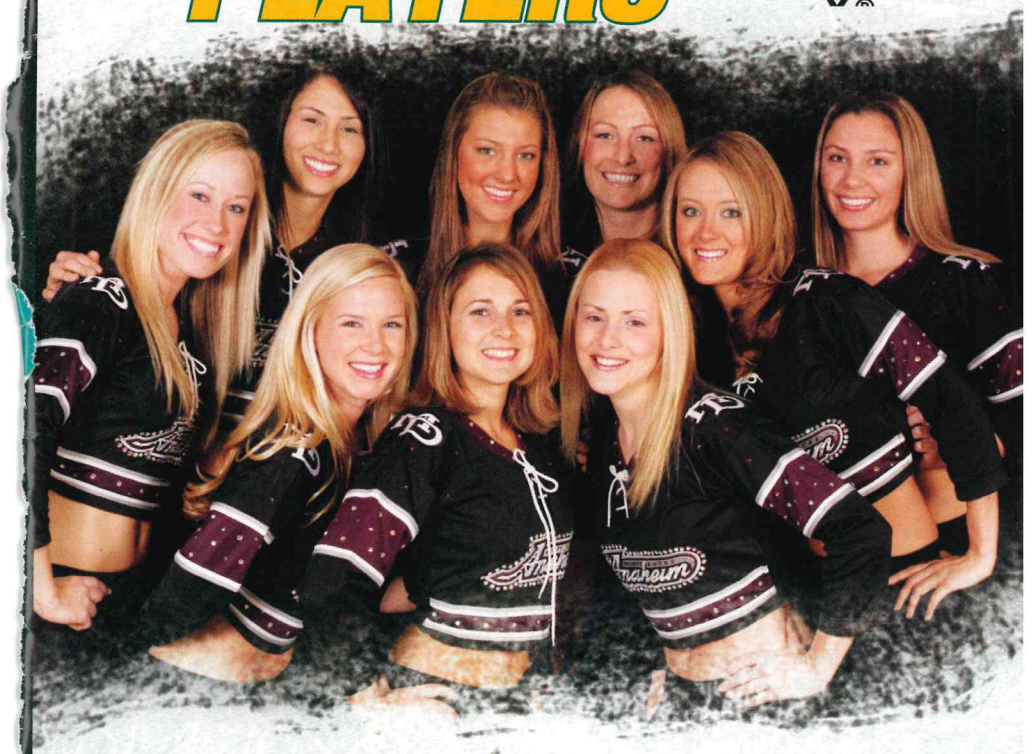

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(Clockwise, from left)
Aimee, Jessica, Tammara, Brittany, Laura, Jennifer, Brooklyn, Heather and Amanda.

Arrowhead Pond of Anaheim

The Arrowhead Pond of Anaheim stands as one of the premier entertainment and sports venues in the country. Opened in 1993, it is owned by the City of Anaheim and managed by Anaheim Arena Management, LLC. In addition to the National Hockey League's Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, the arena is also home to the prestigious John R. Wooden Classic. Top name concert acts over the years include Phil Collins, Madonna and U2. Annual family favorites include the Harlem Globetrotters, Stars On Ice, and Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

Following the success of 2004, the arena was nominated for the seventh time by Pollstar Magazine for Arena of the Year. With performances from chart-toppers including Madonna, Phil Collins, Bette Midler and Metallica, the arena held a record 41 concerts. Last summer the Arrowhead Pond hosted the 2005 World Badminton Championships, marking the first time the event has been held in the United States. More than 300 athletes from 50 countries and regions showcased their skills for fans around the world as the event was broadcast live internationally.

The Arrowhead Pond offers fans a facility that is both beautiful to behold and a delight in which to view any event reflecting state-of-the-art design in both form and function. Visitors enjoy incredibly comfortable seating and some of the best sight lines and proximity to the action found anywhere. Fans looking to experience their favorite artist in an upscale, intimate atmosphere will appreciate The Theatre at the Arrowhead Pond. Created in 2001, The Theatre seats 6,000-8,500 people and acts including Dolly Parton and Matchbox Twenty have graced the stage.

The complete arena encompasses 650,000 square feet of space and is lined inside and out with marble and granite from around the world. The building's roof spans 444 feet by 329 feet, more than 100 feet above the arena floor. The arena is comprised of three levels for hockey, creating a seating capacity for 17,174 fans. Closest to the arena floor is the Plaza Level; just 21 rows from the floor is the exclusive Club Level for Premium Seat holders and above the Club level, is the Terrace level.

The arena is located in Orange County east of the 57 (Orange) freeway on Katella Avenue. Five major freeways (57, 22, 5, 91, 55) are conveniently located within a five-mile radius of the building.

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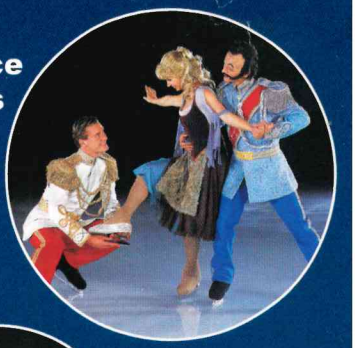
March 15-19



The Strokes
March 25, 8 p.m.
In The Theatre

Queen
+ Paul Rodgers
April 3, 8 p.m.

Visit
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Luis Miguel
April 8,
8 p.m.

Ultimate Fighting
Championship
April 15, 5:15 p.m.

Champions on Ice
August 13, 3 p.m.

Tickets for upcoming events can be purchased at the Arrowhead Pond Box Office, on-line at ticketmaster.com, by-phone at 714.740.2000 and at all Ticketmaster outlets.

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MIGHTY DUCKS OF ANAHEIM
OFFICIAL 2005-2006 SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4	5 CHI F² 5:30	6	7	8 NSH F² 5:00
9	10 EDM F² 7:30	11	12	13	14 CLB F 7:30	15
16 MIN F² 3:00	17	18	19 STL F² 5:00	20	21 DET F² 4:30	22
23 PHX K 1:00	24	25 LA 7:30	26 CGY F² 7:30	27	28 STL F² 7:30	29
30 PHX F² 5:00	31					

NOVEMBER 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 NSH F² 7:30	2	3 COL F² 6:00	4 SJ F² 7:30	5
6 MIN F² 5:00	7	8	9	10	11	12 PHX F² 6:00
13 DAL F² 5:00	14	15	16 DAL F² 7:30	17	18 COL F² 7:30	19
20 VAN K 1:00	21	22 PHX F² 6:00	23 DAL F² 5:30	24	25 DET F² 1:00	26
27 CHI F² 5:00	28	29	30 PHX F² 7:30			

DECEMBER 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 ATL F² 7:30
4	5	6 CAR F² 7:30	7	8 BUF F² 4:00	9	10 MON F² 4:00
11	12 TOR F² 4:30	13	14 TB F² 7:30	15	16 LA F² 7:30	17
18 SJ 5:00	19	20 SJ F² 7:30	21 STL F² 7:30	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 CLB 4:00	29	30	31 STL 3:00

JANUARY 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 NSH 5:00	2	3	4	5	6 DAL 5:30 F²	7 MIN 5:00 F²
8	9 LA F² 7:30	10	11	12	13 WAS F² 7:30	14
15	16 BOS 10:00 AM	17	18	19 OTT 4:30	20	21 FLA F² 7:30
22	23 LA O 7:30	24	25 EDM F 7:00	26 SJ 7:30	27	28 LA 1:00
29	30 LA F² 7:30	31				

FEBRUARY 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 SJ F² 7:30	2	3	4 SJ F² 7:30
5	6 EDM F² 6:00	7	8 CGY F² 6:00	9	10 VAN F 7:00	11
12 CHI F² 5:00	13 OLYMPIC	14 BREAK	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

MARCH 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 DET F² 7:30	2	3 MIN F² 7:30	4
5 CLB K 1:00	6	7 SJ F² 7:30	8	9	10	11 PHX F² 6:00
12 PHX F² 5:00	13	14	15 DET F² 4:30	16	17 CHI F 5:30	18
19 CLB 2:00	20 DAL F² 5:30	21	22 COL F² 7:30	23	24 NSH F² 7:30	25 PHX F² 6:00
26	27	28 COL O 6:00	29 DAL F² 5:30	30	31 DAL F² 7:30	

APRIL 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 VAN K 1:00	3	4 LA F² 7:30	5	6 DAL F² 7:30	7	8 LA N 3:00
9	10 VAN 7:00	11 CGY 6:00	12	13 EDM 6:00	14	15 SJ 1:00
16	17 CGY F² 7:30	18	19	20	21	22
23 / 30	24	25	26	27	28	29

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K = KCAL 9 SPORTS

O = OLN

N = NBC

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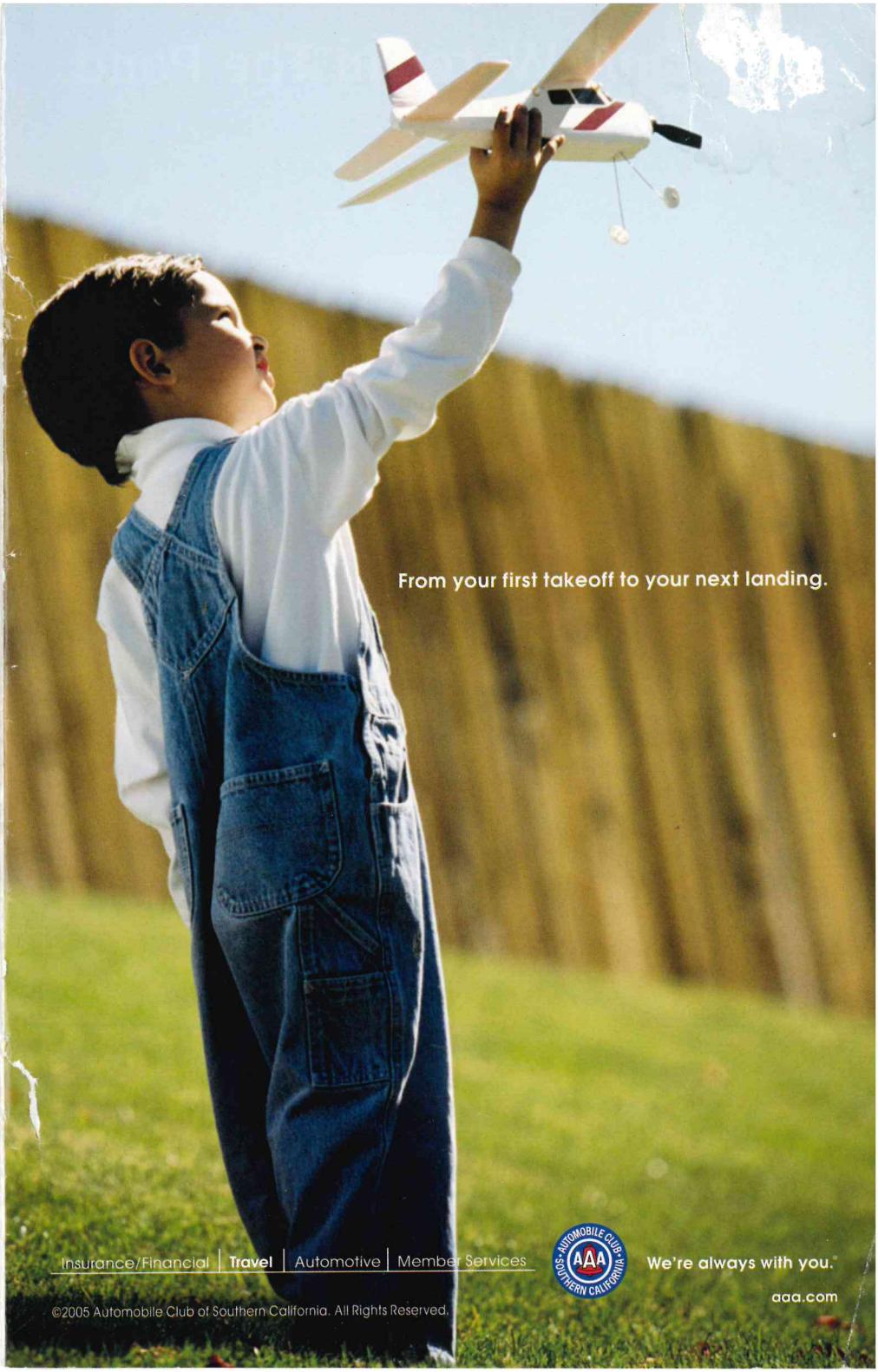
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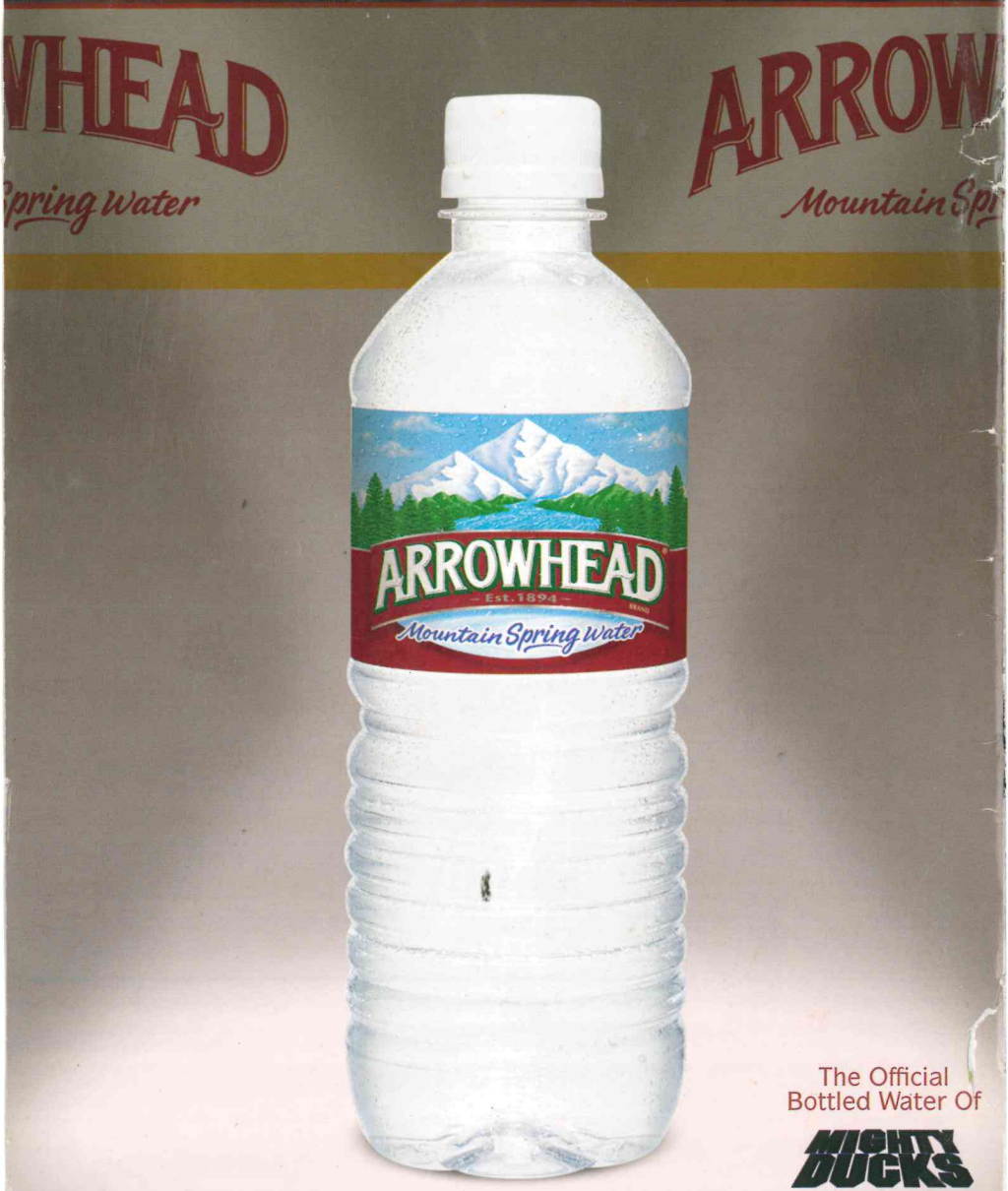

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